

## **GRAND RAPIDS HISTORIC PRESERVATION** **COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

On Wednesday, March 18, 2020, Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued an executive order (Executive Order 2020-15) providing temporary authorization of remote participation in public meetings and hearings. Public bodies are temporarily allowed to meet virtually amid the public health concern related to the COVID-19 virus. The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death. It is caused by a new strain of coronavirus not previously identified in humans and easily spread from person to person. There is currently no approved vaccine or antiviral treatment for this disease. To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, to protect the public health, and to provide essential protections to vulnerable citizens, it was found to be crucial that all Michigan citizens take steps to limit in-person contact. These critical mitigation measures include social distancing and limiting the number of people interacting at public gatherings.

To that end, the order stated further that “it is reasonable and necessary to temporarily suspend rules and procedures relating to physical presence at meetings and hearings of public bodies and other governmental entities in Michigan. These public bodies and entities must continue to conduct public business during this emergency, including actions to respond to COVID-19, and the general public must be able to continue to participate in government decision-making without unduly compromising public health, safety, and welfare.”

In line with that order and in an effort to promote public health, welfare, and safety, the Grand Rapids Historic Preservation Commission will hold its public hearing by electronic means on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 beginning at 5:00 p.m. or soon thereafter.

Interested parties are invited to examine the proposed requests. Plans and applications may be viewed online at [www.grcity.us/planning](http://www.grcity.us/planning) as of the Friday prior to the meeting. Written comments will be accepted by email until 9:00 AM on the day of the hearing. The public is invited to attend the public hearing online and may comment using the following by internet or telephone with the following link or phone number and pass code:

<https://cityofgr.webex.com>

Meeting Number: 717 286 631

Password: HPCMay6

Call in Phone Number:

United States Toll

+1-401-418-9388

Access code: 717 286 631

To provide public comment those with audio/visual access to the Webex platform from your device please click the “Raise Hand” button in the lower right corner of the screen to speak. If you are unable to comment via the Webex platform, you are invited to call 616-456-4381. This line is dedicated to the May 6 Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

Requests for interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, including assistance with gaining access to online meetings, should be made by contacting us at least one week (7 days) prior to this meeting. For further information, call (616) 456-4100 or email [planning@grcity.us](mailto:planning@grcity.us).