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Meeting Minutes - Approved LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Monday, September 17, 2018

5:00 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 103A (City County Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Marsha A. Rummel; David W.J. McLean; Stuart Levitan; Anna Andrzejewski and Katherine N. Kaliszewski

Excused: 1 - Richard B. Arnesen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by McLean, seconded by Andrzejewski, to Approve the August 27, 2018 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Levitan disclosed that Scott Herrick is his attorney and he has also known Harold Langhammer for 30-40 years, but it will not impede his ability to serve as a Commissioner.

Kaliszewski disclosed that she formerly worked with one of the applicants who is requesting a demolition review, but it will not impede her ability to serve as a Commissioner.

It was also noted that one of the applicants requesting a demolition review is a member of the Landmarks Commission, but is not present at this meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING - DEMOLITION BY NEGLECT

1. [53000](#) 121 Langdon St - Demolition by Neglect of a Designated Madison Landmark in the Mansion Hill Hist. Dist. (Suhr House); 2nd Ald. Dist.
Scott Herrick, registering in opposition and wishing to speak.
David Ferch, registering in opposition and wishing to speak.
James Rapacz, registering in opposition and not wishing to speak.
Gene Devitt, registering in support and wishing to speak.
Harold Langhammer, registering in opposition and wishing to speak.

A motion was made by Rummel, seconded by Kaliszewski, to refer the item to a future Landmarks Commission meeting no later than December 3 with the stipulation that the applicant work closely with the Preservation Planner and other City staff to itemize work which can be done with and without tax credits

and provide a timeline for addressing the work orders in a timely manner. The motion passed by voice vote.

REGULAR BUSINESS

2. [47837](#) Landmarks Commission Historic Preservation Plan Status Report

Fruhling noted that the next Historic Preservation Plan Advisory Committee meeting is on October 10. This meeting will focus on the goals and objectives, and discussion will center on things the Planning Division already does to fulfill the goals and objectives, as well as ideas from the public, staff, and consultants about what else they can do to address them.

Fruhling reported that the second round of historic district ordinance revisions meetings have begun. This round of meetings will include information on different aspects of the ordinance and why they are important, as well as addressing any topics they heard from the public in round one. He mentioned that City Channel will be at the next meeting to record the presentation, and the video will be posted on the project's website for those who can't attend the meetings. The Landmarks Ordinance Review Committee will then meet on October 29 to review the information and feedback received at each district meeting. He said that the Landmarks Commission will be asked to provide feedback on both the Historic Preservation Plan and ordinance revisions at future meetings. He indicated that the Historic Preservation Plan is a two-year process, and for the most part, they are on track. The ordinance update has fallen slightly behind, but they intend to finish by April.

3. [50000](#) Secretary's Report

Fruhling mentioned that the State Historical Society is doing a survey of Certified Local Governments in the state with a goal of collecting more statewide data. They will also be sending surveys to people who have applied for Certificates of Appropriateness from CLGs across the state. He said that the Historical Society will likely have more training opportunities for Landmarks Commissions across the state in the future in order to ensure consistency and uniform interpretation from one place to another.

Fruhling noted that Alder Arntsen appealed the Landmarks Commission's ruling on denying the Certificate of Appropriateness for the removal of the historic communal marker in Forest Hill Cemetery, and it will be considered by the Common Council at their October 2 meeting.

Kaliszewski asked how much it would cost to remove the marker. Levitan estimated \$15,000-20,000. Andrzejewski mentioned that they will have other issues with the removal because it is also on the National Register. Kaliszewski noted that it is a burial site, and Andrzejewski said that they may need to complete an archeological survey before they can move it. Kaliszewski explained that if the site is uncatalogued, and they have no records of where the exact graves are, they would need to catalogue it first in order to comply with state law. Levitan asked if the Parks Division is aware of this, and Fruhling said that the former Preservation Planner has

communicated with Parks regarding additional state approvals.

Rummel said that she is working with the City Attorney to refine the language of the ordinance as it relates to landmark sites and what approvals are necessary for the removal of monuments.

Andrzejewski pointed out that there are not just soldiers buried there, but Native American burial mounds are nearby as well. Kaliszewski said that under the state Burial Law, they may not be able to remove anything because of the buffer that is required around the mounds.

4. [49999](#) Buildings Proposed for Demolition - 2018

By unanimous consent, the Landmarks Commission voted to recommend to the Plan Commission that the buildings at 4602 Cottage Grove Rd, 5614 Schroeder Rd, and 9813 Sweet Willow Pass (7414 Valley View Rd) have no known historic value. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:17 pm.