

CITY OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS LANDMARK COMMISSION

Minutes for the regular meeting of
January 7, 2021

At 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 7, 2021, a regular meeting of the Landmark Commission was held virtually via WebEx, with attendees present at remote locations.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mazie Adams
Ken Goldberg
Margaret Lann
Mark Souther
Jim Edmonson
Tom Veider

MEMBERS ABSENT

Marjorie Kitchell

STAFF PRESENT

Karen Knittel, Assistant Planning Director
BreAnna Kirk, Planning Technician

COUNCIL PRESENT

OTHERS PRESENT

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with all above-listed attendees present at remote locations joining through the City's WebEx meeting link.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 8, 2020 MEETING

Approved unanimously with corrected text per request by Jim Edmonson under Preservation Activities and Lectures and by Mazie Adams under Landmark Ordinance and Procedures.

OLD BUSINESS

CLG-Citywide Design Guidelines update

No update.

Landmark Ordinance and Procedures

No update.

Potential Landmarks

- The Cinder Path, a paved extension of Bradford Road- Ms. Adams said Peggy Spaeth and Marian Morton are interested in landmarking the path. The property is owned by the City, so City Council would have to approve the designation if they decide to go forward.

- Nighttown, 12383 Cedar Road- Mr. Veider brought up landmarking institutions like Nighttown for their cultural significance instead of (or in addition to) their architectural significance. Commission members voiced their support for this idea and thought of other potential cultural landmarks, such as the Haggins Realty building (2221 North Taylor Rd) and Robert P. Madison's house (2339 North Park Boulevard). Ms. Adams will look at the ordinance and explore broadening the Commission's scope to include cultural landmarks.
- Cedar-Fairmount District- Mr. Veider said Cedar-Fairmount might be a good commercial district to propose as the first commercial landmark district. He also noted that the City of Cleveland's Landmark Commission reviews new development in landmark districts to make sure they are compatible, and he doesn't see why this Commission couldn't have the same oversight. Ms. Adams will look at the ordinance to see if it includes this language.
- Werk House, 2956 Washington Boulevard- Mr. Goldberg said there is work being done to the house. Mr. Souther said it's a worthy property to landmark and that at one point, there was an owner that was interested in landmarking, but they didn't stay very long. He suggested waiting until the work was done to approach the owner.

Landmark Properties

No updates.

Preservation Activities and Lectures

Ms. Adams has been talking with the library about doing a preservation series; she will present the history of Cleveland Heights, she hopes to pull in programs from the Cleveland Restoration Society, and Ms. Kirk will present on Stadium Square. Mr. Souther will reach out to his contact that may be interested in giving a presentation on the post-Rockefeller era of Forest Hill. Ms. Adams said the Commission pulled together a great list of resources for the Centennial to go on the City's website.

CH-UH Archives group/Cleveland Memory/Cleveland Historical

Mr. Goldberg said the Cleveland Heights Historical Society is working on their new website and recently came out with a new issue of its journal. They applied and were approved for a state-approved Ohio historic marker for the landmark property at 14299 Superior Road, generally considered the oldest structure in Cleveland Heights.

National Register of Historic Places, District Updates

No updates.

Development Updates

The Economic Development Department sent out a Request for Proposals for redevelopment in the Cedar-Lee-Meadowbrook area. They also put out a Request for Proposals for infill housing along the Noble Road area, Desota

Avenue area, and an area around the High School. Mr. Veider asked for a status update on the yellow brick double near Lee and Coleridge Roads that suffered a fire. Ms. Knittel didn't have any information and will look into it.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Lann was surprised about the Zerbe-Halle House (2163 Harcourt Drive) project at the 1/5/21 Architectural Board of Review meeting and wondered about the process for a landmark property to obtain a permit. Ms. Knittel explained the first step for a project involving exterior alterations is applying to ABR, then City staff will notify the Landmark Commission, and invite them to a joint meeting. Ms. Lann asked if the Landmark Commission could table a project and request more information during the joint meetings. Ms. Knittel said yes and that if one body would like to request more information and table the project, the other body should not make a motion to approve said project.
- Meetings for 2021 will remain on the first Tuesday of odd months and begin at 5:00 pm. Ms. Kirk will send out a new schedule.
- Mr. Veider mentioned gathering testimonials from parties that have worked with the Landmark Commission to express their pleasant experiences.
- Mr. Goldberg said it would be effective to have someone from a Landmark Commission that has a strong ordinance to speak at a City Council meeting for educational purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

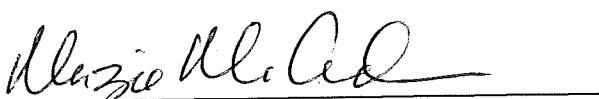
There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 6:24 p.m. The next regular meeting date will be Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. held virtually via WebEx. [Meeting time and location may be subject to change due to Architectural Board of Review agenda.]

Respectfully submitted,



BreAnna Kirk, Secretary

Approved,



Mazie Adams, Chair

