

CITY OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS LANDMARK COMMISSION

Minutes for the regular meeting of
March 2, 2021

At 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 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
Tom Veider

MEMBERS ABSENT

Marjorie Kitchell
Jim Edmonson

STAFF PRESENT

BreAnna Kirk, Planning Technician

COUNCIL PRESENT

OTHERS PRESENT

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with all above-listed attendees present at remote locations joining through the City's WebEx meeting link.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 5, 2021 JOINT ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

Approved unanimously as submitted.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 7, 2021 MEETING

Approved unanimously with corrected text per request by Ken Goldberg under CH-UH Archives group/Cleveland Memory/Cleveland Historical and New Business and by Tom Veider under Potential Landmarks.

STAFF REPORT

General updates: The City's GIS Administrator, Ken Bernard, is digitizing walking tour maps. Paint samples will be submitted with future cellular antenna projects. The Director of Communications and Public Engagement, Mary Trupo, would like the Commission to share any interesting information so it can be posted on the City's social media accounts.

Design Guidelines: The City put out a Request for Proposals in February 2021 for a firm to manage the Historic Preservation Design Guidelines project;

eight firms responded. City staff is reviewing proposals internally. The Landmark Commission will be a key stakeholder in the project.

Development: MetroHealth is looking to expand its Severance campus with a behavioral health building. Their project must obtain several approvals and is on the March 2, 2021, Architectural Board of Review agenda. City Council is reviewing proposals for infill housing as part of the Neighborhood Redevelopment Program at a special meeting on March 4, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS

CLG-Citywide Design Guidelines update

No updates.

Landmark Ordinance and Procedures

- Mr. Goldberg said the Commission should still consider architectural features for cultural landmarks, if they were to designate any. For example, if there were proposed exterior alterations to a cultural landmark, the Commission would consider the architectural details. Ms. Lann said that historically insensitive building alterations should not disqualify a building from landmark status—it can always be restored. The Commission debated if cultural landmarks should abide by future Historic Preservation Design Guidelines. The consensus was that each project would be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, considering the period of significance. If a cultural landmark is redeveloped, the new development should speak to that cultural heritage in some way, like historic photos in public places, etc.
- Ms. Adams said they are still reviewing the language of the ordinance. Jane Bush, a local landmark and preservation expert, is volunteering her time to help craft ordinance wording. There was discussion on owner consent, which Commission members would prefer to remove from the ordinance. If owner consent is not required to designate a property as a landmark, City Council approval would be. Many Landmark Commissions in nearby communities operate this way.

Potential Landmarks

- Nighttown, 12383 Cedar Road- Ms. Adams mentioned renovations taking place with the Nighttown building and said that historic tax credits could help cover some renovation costs if the building was listed on the National Register and was a local landmark. It could be listed for its cultural significance.
- The Cinder Path, a paved extension of Bradford Road- Ms. Adams confirmed that an application was prepared or is being prepared to nominate the Cinder Path. This would require City Council approval since the property is City-owned.

Landmark Properties

- Superior Schoolhouse- Mr. Souther noted the schoolhouse doesn't seem to be used for anything anymore. In the past, it was used for events or open by appointment.

Preservation Activities and Lectures

- There are several upcoming preservation lectures, including History of the Cinder Path, Economic Benefits of Historic Preservation, House History, History of Stadium Square, and History of Cleveland Heights.

CH-UH Archives group/Cleveland Memory/Cleveland Historical

- The Cleveland Heights Historical Society will have a library showcase in August 2021.

National Register of Historic Places, District Updates

- Stadium Square- Ms. Kirk will look into district signage and see if anything had been put in motion previously.

Development Updates

No updates.

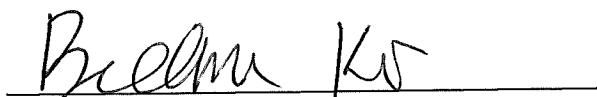
NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Adams informed the Commission that member Marjorie Kitchell will not be able to attend meetings in the near future.
- Mr. Souther asked about the City's centennial celebration plans and Ms. Adams said the Commission would be happy to help.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 6:07 p.m. The next regular meeting date will be Tuesday, May 4th, 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

9/14/2021

