

**CITY OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS
LANDMARK COMMISSION**

Minutes for the special meeting of
October 11, 2021

At 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 11, 2021, a special meeting of the Landmark Commission was held virtually via Webex.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mazie Adams
Ken Goldberg
Margaret Lann (5:09-6:52 pm)
Mark Souther
Jim Edmonson (5:00-5:20 pm)
Tom Veider

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

BreAnna Kirk, Planning Technician

COUNCIL PRESENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Ted Singer, Dimit Architects
Franklin Piccirillo, STUDIO105
Kevin Smith, A Sign Above

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM.

MINUTES OF THE MAY 4, 2021 LANDMARK COMMISSION MEETING

Approved unanimously as submitted.

MINUTES OF THE JULY 6, 2021 LANDMARK COMMISSION MEETING

Approved unanimously as submitted.

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 16, 2021 SPECIAL LANDMARK
COMMISSION MEETING**

Approved unanimously as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

CLG-Citywide Design Guidelines

- Historic Preservation Design Guidelines were adopted by the Commission.

Potential Landmarks

- Cinder Path, Bradford Road- There were no comments or questions about moving the Cinder Path to the next step in the landmark designation process, which would be to the Planning Commission. Mr. Goldberg made a motion to move the Cinder Path to the next step in the landmark designation process. Seconded by Mr. Veider, the motion was passed unanimously.
- 2181 North Taylor Road- The Commission discussed moving the property to the next step in the landmark designation process, which would be to the Planning Commission. Mr. Goldberg reminded the Commission that they could not consider the great antique collection when making a decision. The Commission felt the property was the most interesting and impressive property in its neighborhood and felt that deserved recognition. It was also designed by a known architect and still has the original farmhouse as part of the larger design. The Commission felt it qualified for designation under multiple criteria listed in the ordinance. Mr. Souther made a motion to move 2181 North Taylor Road to the next step in the landmark designation process. Seconded by Mr. Veider, the motion was passed unanimously.
- 3417 Fairmount Boulevard- The Commission discussed moving the property to the next step in the landmark designation process, which would be to the Planning Commission. Mr. Souther said he would fully support landmarking the property; he said it is outstanding overall and very different from the other homes on Fairmount. It is in great shape and the renovations were done with very fine materials. He felt the Commission should be able to consider the gardens on the property because one of the criteria for designation mentions landscape architects, which implies that landscapes do have some merit. Ms. Lann said she would also support it but would like to refine the application with more research and notes of the interior renovation elements. There might also be more to the Collier encyclopedia family living in the home. The Commissioners agreed that the application could be improved to strengthen the case for landmarking.

NEW BUSINESS

Landmark Properties

- Church of the Saviour, 2537 Lee Road- Kevin Holiday of A Sign Above presented a new signage package. The existing main sign will remain, parking signs will be installed at each lot entrance (3 total), and the existing brown secondary identification signs will be replaced. Ms. Kirk explained this project was already approved by the Architectural Board of Review (ABR) and the original submission included a faux stone base for the secondary identification signs. The ABR did not like the faux stone detail in front of a grand, stone, landmark building and requested that the sign have simple black posts. The parking signs will be plywood and the secondary identification signs will be high-density urethane. Mr. Holiday asked for the signs to be taller than submitted

so they will not get buried in the snow. Ms. Lann made a motion to approve the signs as submitted, seconded by Mr. Edmonson, the motion was passed unanimously. Ms. Adams clarified the Commission was okay with either the 42" or 48" parking sign height.

- Silsby Road Fire Station, 3216 Silsby Road- Frank Piccirillo of STUDIO105 described new signage for s'il vous play. There will be a blade side near the door and channel letters above the bay window. The support elements will be fastened in mortar joints. The lighting will be ground mounted. Other aspects of the project include masonry repair, window rehabilitation and painting, and the replacement of historic lanterns over the old fire bay doors. Mr. Veider said the door is part of the composition, and having the blade sign on the right of the door blocks the view of it. He felt it would look better on the left side of the door and would feel less cramped there. Mr. Goldberg said there might be better lighting options and Mr. Piccirillo said that after much searching, this was the best option he found. Mr. Piccirillo mentioned there is another element of this project that has not been finalized yet. They would like to include a three-dimensional top toy that spins. He wanted to get the Commission's general opinion before moving forward with the design. Potential locations include in the landscaping as a ground sculpture or on the flat roof. Mr. Veider said he was in full support of the concept (pending details) and that this is a way to make a historic building come back to life. Members of the Commission generally agreed, pending sculpture details. Ms. Adams made a motion to approve the signs, masonry repairs, window rehabilitation and painting and lighting with the following conditions: everything is mounted into mortar joints; the blade sign is approved on either side of the door, but it is recommended on the left side. Seconded by Ms. Lann, the motion was passed unanimously.

Potential Landmarks

- 2235 Overlook Road, Howard Eels Carriage House- Ted Singer of Dimit Architects went over the history and reason for landmarking the carriage house. The property is being developed with townhouses and apartments and the carriage house is being repurposed into apartments. This would require larger windows by the building code, but the developer does not want to disturb the historic stone structure. Landmark buildings are exempt from this rule. The property abuts the Herrick Mews National Register Historic District and resides within the Euclid Heights district. The building appears on the 1913 Sanborn map and was designed by Meade and Hamilton. The carriage house recently obtained an Architectural Board of Review approval to replace garage doors with windows and man doors and to replace some existing, original windows. The replacement windows will be vinyl. Ms. Lann said that if this property were already landmarked, the Commission would not have approved the changes based on the materials. The Commission would also like to see if the original windows could be

restored. Mr. Singer explained that he might have to abandon the landmarking idea if it would require changes to the approved window replacements. Ms. Adams said she would not want to landmark the property with the full knowledge that the original windows would be replaced without appropriate material consideration. The Commission would be in support of landmarking the carriage house if the final design renovation proposal aligned with their requirements. Mr. Singer and the Landmark Commission respectfully agreed that landmarking the carriage house would require compromises that neither party was willing to make.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 7:07 p.m. The next regular meeting date will be Tuesday, November 2, 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

