

CITY OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS LANDMARK COMMISSION

Minutes for the regular meeting of
March 8, 2023

At 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, a regular meeting of the Landmark Commission was held in the Executive Conference Room in City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mazie Adams
Ken Goldberg
Tom Veider
Benjamin Sperry
Margaret Lann

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jim Edmonson
Mark Souther

STAFF PRESENT

BreAnna Kirk, Planner I
Eric Zamft, Director of Planning & Development

COUNCIL PRESENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Gretchen Mettler
Beryl Tishkoff
Gary Tishkoff
Fran Mentch

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 4, 2023 LANDMARK COMMISSION MEETING

Approved with corrected text per request of Mr. Goldberg.

STAFF REPORT

Landmark Ordinance and Procedures

Ms. Kirk submitted a CLG Grant Application to fund revisions to the Landmark Commission Ordinance.

Potential Landmarks

There is some interest in Forest Hill to become a Local Landmark District. Ms. Lann and Ms. Adams are speaking with interested residents.

Fairmount Presbyterian Church is interested in submitting a nomination. Mr. Sperry will present to their governing body and request permission to nominate the building.

Landmark Properties

DLR Group is restoring the Garfield Memorial in Lake View Cemetery. The restorations will require approval from both the Cleveland Landmark Commission and the Cleveland Heights Landmark Commission. Mr. Zamft related that the DLR Group would like to schedule a site visit with the Commission. The Commission agreed to March 13, 2023 as an informal site visit with DLR Group and that a formal site visit should be scheduled when they submit documents.

National Register of Historic Places

The Law Department finished drafting the easements for the Oakwood Drive National Register Signs. The Oakwood Drive HOA plans to submit a CLG Grant application to fund repairs to their historic brick road.

B.F. St. Angelo, the owner of the Collier-St. Angelo House, is working to list her neighborhood on the National Register of Historic Places.

OLD BUSINESS

Landmark Ordinance and Procedures

No updates.

Potential Landmarks

The Alfred Hoyt Granger House at 2141 Overlook Drive was discussed as a potential Landmark.

The Robert P. Madison House was discussed as a potential Landmark. He was an early African-American architect. Ms. Kirk mentioned that it was already in the Potential Landmarks Spreadsheet.

Landmark Properties

It was noted that the Ohio Historic Market sign at Lower Lakes (North Woodland Drive) was down. It was suggested that the Nature Center was involved in the sign and perhaps they collected it.

Preservation Activities & Lectures

The Commission is working with the library on Spring preservation lectures. Possible topics include the history of Forest Hill, post-war home construction/architecture, Fairhill Road Village, and historic building maintenance and repair.

CH-UH Archives group/Cleveland Memory/Cleveland Historical
No updates.

National Register of Historic Places, District Updates
No updates outside of the Staff Report.

Development/Planning Updates

No updates outside of the Staff Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Re-Certification of Landmark – Abeyton Realty Corporation, Forest Hill Real Estate Office, 2419 Lee Boulevard

Gretchen Mettler, Beryl Tishkoff, Gary Tishkoff, and Fran Mentch were present as representatives of the Forest Hill Home Owners, regarding re-certification of the Abeyton Realty Corporation Forest Hill Real Estate Office, 2419 Lee Boulevard, as a Cleveland Heights Landmark. There was much discussion about revising the text to reflect the history of the Corporation and its enforcement of restrictive covenants and then subsequently to having the explicit intention to open the community to all. Commissioners revised the text on the certificate and representatives were supportive of the revisions.

MOTION: Ms. Lann moved to re-certify Abeyton Realty Corporation Forest Hill Real Estate Office, 2419 Lee Boulevard, as a Cleveland Heights Landmark, as outlined on the revised certificate. Seconded by Mr. Sperry, the motion was unanimously approved.

Re-Certification of Landmark – Morris L. Finneburgh House, 3111 Monticello Boulevard

Due to the length of the meeting and no representative being present, the Landmark Commission did not review or consider re-certification and/or renaming of the Morris L. Finneburgh House. Rather, it would be on the May 2, 2023 agenda.

Re-Certification Process

Ms. Adams mentioned that the Landmark Commission should look at the text of all landmarked properties and see if there were additional revisions that should occur as the Commission re-certifies. Mr. Zamft stated that he would convert each of the existing certificates to Word format so that the Commissioners could make the changes. Ms. Adams suggested that the Commission spend much of the next Landmark meeting on May 2, 2023 on the revisions.

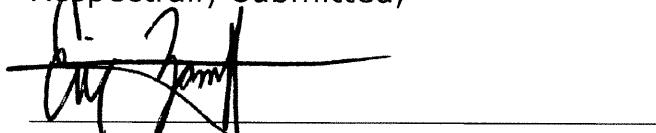
Other

The home at 2283 Chestnut Hills in the City of Cleveland that was demolished was discussed. The front yard is in Cleveland Heights and did that demolition need to come before the Cleveland Heights Landmark Commission?

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned 6:54 p.m. The next regular meeting date will be Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room, second floor of City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

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Eric Zamft, Acting Secretary

Approved,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mazie Adams", is written over a solid horizontal line.

Mazie Adams, Chair