

CITY OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS LANDMARK COMMISSION

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of November 7, 2023

At 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, a regular meeting of the Landmark Commission was held in the Executive Conference Room in City Hall.

LANDMARK COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Mazie Adams
Jim Edmonson
Ken Goldberg
Benjamin Sperry
Tom Veider

LANDMARK COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

Danielle Cohen
Margaret Lann

STAFF PRESENT

Brooke Siggers, City Planner
Eric Zamft, Director of Planning & Development

COUNCIL PRESENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Kathleen Tark
Anthony Rupcic
Fran Mentch

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2023 LANDMARK COMMISSION MEETING

Mr. Goldberg requested edits to the September 6, 2023 minutes. Ms. Adams made a motion to approve the September 6, 2023 minutes with the requested edits, seconded by Mr. Edmonson, and unanimously approved with the requested corrected text of Mr. Goldberg.

STAFF REPORT

Landmark Ordinance and Procedures

Mr. Zamft discussed the Landmark Ordinance update. The second stakeholder meeting will take place on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 5:30 P.M in the Executive Conference Room at City Hall. The Naylor-Wellman team will present pertinent historic research and a preliminary draft of the updated Landmark Commission Section of the code. The first Landmark Ordinance update public meeting will take place on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 5:30 P.M in the Executive Conference Room at City Hall.

Landmark Properties

- CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND, 2175 COVENTRY, request to alter roof.

Kathleen Tark presented the Landmark Commissioners with the proposed roof alteration plans for Saint Ann Church at 2175 Coventry Road. The project application materials include a written narrative describing the project, pictures of all sides of the property, pictures of the roof, and pictures of the materials to be used for the alteration. The project is expected to start in Spring 2024. Fran Mentch and Anthony Rupcic submitted public inquiries into the project.

MOTION: Mr. Veider moved to approve the roof alteration requesting that the standing seam match what is currently existing as closely as possible. Seconded by Mr. Sperry, the motion was unanimously approved.

It was discussed that the signs at Stadium Square, Cinder Path, and Oakwood Drive are not of a similar quality as previous signs. Director Zamft indicated that staff and the Landmark Commission should work with the Sign Division to potentially upgrade the existing signage and ensure the quality of future signage. Ms. Adams will draft a letter explaining the concerns about the existing signs and the process that has taken place in the past. Director Zamft indicated that the City has funds available that were budgeted for signage.

Director Zamft also updated Commissioners that the owners of the Medusa building have not yet moved forward with an application for demolition, and that the City is awaiting updated information from The Alcazar with renovations details.

Potential Landmarks

It was discussed that the Forest Hill Home Owners have yet to apply for Landmark status. Mr. Sperry mentioned that Fairmount Presbyterian is having internal discussions regarding being Landmarked. Mr. Sperry is attending a meeting with church leadership soon and will provide additional information regarding the beneficial aspects of being established as a Landmark. It was requested by the Commissioners that the City staff should send letters to the owners of Robert Madison's home and the Dall-Mays homes to assess interest in being Landmarked as well. Other potential Landmarks include 2454 Euclid Heights Boulevard, a small carriage house; 2233 Devonshire Drive, a home owned by Amos N. Barron and designed by Howell & Thomas; and 2905 Fairmount Boulevard, a home owned by Anna Rockefeller, John D. Rockefeller's niece. It was requested by the Commissioners that the City staff send letters to these three homes as well.

National Register of Historic Places

No updates.

Development/Planning Updates

Director Zamft discussed that the Taylor-Tudor project is moving forward after several community meetings were held. The area will also undergo zoning updates.

Director Zamft indicated that the City is looking to utilize the Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) to develop infill housing. In addition, Director Zamft mentioned that the developers for the Noble Station project have expressed interest in reconsidering development of a 52-unit apartment complex on the 2228 Noble Road site.

Director Zamft also discussed the current process for projects in need of review from both the Architectural Board of Review and the Landmark Commission. The Commissioners requested that, for most cases, projects come to Landmark first and then Architectural Board of Review following Landmark Commission approval. When projects consist of 'Like for Like' or minor alterations (e.g. cell towers, change in materials, etc.), joint ABR/Landmark meetings could be scheduled.

OLD BUSINESS

Landmark Ordinance and Procedures

No updates outside of the Staff Report.

Potential Landmarks

No updates outside of the Staff Report.

Landmark Properties

No updates outside of the Staff Report.

Preservation Activities & Lectures

Ms. Lann will be holding an event called "From Synagogue to Sanctuary," discussing connections between Jewish and Christian places of worship. An "Archiving Personal Treasures" event is to be held soon as well. Commissioners will be working with Randy, a historian in the CH-UH library system to schedule Spring programming. A local history event will be held in May for Preservation Month. There will also be a "Maintaining Your Historic House" event to be scheduled soon.

CH-UH Archives Group/Cleveland Memory/Cleveland Historical

No updates outside of the Staff Report.

National Register of Historic Places, District Updates

No updates outside of the Staff Report.

Development Updates

No updates outside of the Staff Report.

Grant Updates

No updates outside of the Staff Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Local Landmark Recertifications

Landmark Commissioners reviewed and made final edits to The Alcazar's recertification text. Mr. Goldberg made a motion to adopt the recertification text and the motion was seconded by Mr. Sperry. The motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

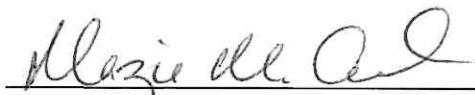
There being no further business, the Commission adjourned 7:00 p.m. The next regular meeting date will be Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room on the second floor of City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Zamft, Acting Landmark Commission Secretary

Approved,



Mazie Adams, Landmark Commission Chair