

CITY OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS LANDMARK COMMISSION

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of September 4, 2024

At 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, September 4, 2024, 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

Margaret Lann

Tom Veider

Ken Goldberg

Jim Nemastil

LANDMARK COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

Dani Cohen

STAFF PRESENT

Brooke Siggers, City Planner

COUNCIL PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Adams called the meeting to order at 5:40 P.M.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LANDMARK COMMISSIONER

Ms. Adams began the meeting by introducing the Board and attendees to its newest Commissioner, Jim Nemastil, and welcoming him to the Landmark Commission team.

MINUTES OF THE JULY 2, 2024, MAY 7, 2024, AND AUGUST 7, 2024 LANDMARK COMMISSION MEETINGS

Mr. Edmonson moved to adopt the July 2, 2024 Landmark Commission internal meeting minutes. Mr. Veider seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

Mrs. Lann moved to adopt the August 7, 2024 Landmark Commission regular meeting minutes. Mr. Edmonson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

STAFF REPORT

Potential Landmarks

Project no. 24-02, P. Weihe, 2239 Harcourt, 'AA' Single-Family, requests review of nomination and recommendation to Planning Commission to become Landmarked.

City Planner Brooke Siggers announced to the Landmark Commission that the Planning Commission recommended that they approve the nomination for the property to become a Cleveland Heights Landmark.

MOTION: Mr. Goldberg moved to approve the Landmark Nomination for the property to become a Cleveland Heights Landmark. Mr. Edmonson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Commissioners asked about issuance of plaques to properties that have been designated as Cleveland Heights Landmarks more recently. They believe that the plaques for the Medusa and Taylor-Tudor buildings have not yet been issued.

During discussion of potential Landmarks, Commissioners expressed interest in eight (8) historic side-by-side duplexes called the Gunderson Duplexes for possible future designation as Cleveland Heights Landmarks.

Landmark Properties

Ms. Siggers reported that The Alcazar obtained most of its requested variances needed in order to execute renovations from the Board of Zoning Appeals, but that the Board referred the project to the Planning Commission for its requested parking-related variances. The Alcazar's project will go before the Planning Commission in August to obtain approvals for parking approvals. They will also go to the Architectural Board of Review on July 11, 2024.

(CONTINUED) Project no. 24-03, The Alcazar [Robin B. Lake Trust], 2450 East Derbyshire, 'MF2' Multiple-Family, requests Certificate of Appropriateness in order to execute renovations to become 125-unit apartment building.

Project representative Daniel Caja and Preservation Consultant Wendy Naylor presented the revised project scope, overall objectives, and adjustments made to the plan as a result of input provided by the Architectural Board of Review to Commissioners. The Applicants are seeking approvals for the configuration of residential units and the wall that is to be constructed to conceal mechanicals.

MOTION: Mrs. Lann moved to approve the project with the condition that The Applicant submit final materials details to the

Planning Department for Administrative Approval. Mr. Edmonson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Preservation Activities & Lectures/CH-UH Archives Group/Cleveland Memory/Cleveland Historical

Commissioners discussed the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of the Landmark Commission, and decided to hold an event during the month of November. The date will soon be chosen, and City Planner Siggers stated that Planning Staff reached out to Park Synagogue to see if they would be willing to host the event. Further details will be cemented at future special meetings.

Commissioner Goldberg also announced that Heights Libraries would be hosting an event called Life in a Landmark, featuring the Curtis-Preyer Stone House which is considered Cleveland Heights' oldest home, and will discuss the house and its many residents throughout its lifetime.

National Register of Historic Places

Ms. Siggers discussed that SHPO indicated that Park Synagogue was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on August 15th. Planning Staff is still awaiting plans from Park Synagogue for rehabilitation and redevelopment.

Development/Planning Updates

Ms. Siggers reported that Ryan Porter from MPACT has been coming to Cleveland Heights on a monthly basis and spoke about Severance Town Center the previous night at the City Council meeting about visioning for the future.

Ms. Siggers also reported that Planning Staff has discussed the second phase of development for the Taylor Commons property with the Taylor-Tudor developer.

Ms. Siggers also reported that Planning Staff is still in the process of officially making changes to the design review process for properties designated as Cleveland Heights Landmarks. The Building Department has welcomed a new Chief Building Official, Eric Elmi, to the team, and Planning Staff hopes that he can attend an upcoming meeting to become acquainted with the Landmark Commissioners.

Ms. Siggers also reported brief updates to the ongoing City initiatives including the Climate Action and Resiliency Plan, Active Transportation Plan, Comprehensive & Equitable Safety Action Plan, and Noble Road Corridor Planning. Gateway & Wayfinding Signage planning; Accessory Dwelling Unit zoning and plans; and Parks, Recreation, and Open Space

Master Planning are up and coming projects on which Planning Staff has made advances.

Grant Updates

Ms. Siggers reported that Planning Staff is looking into rolling grant opportunities for archiving historic records. Additionally, Oakwood Drive Homeowners submitted a CLG application of which the City is in support.

NEW BUSINESS

Update on Local Landmark Recertifications

None.

Intern Project Goals

Ms. Siggers announced that we are hoping to include an intern in the budget for next year, and that Commissioners should be thinking about future projects that they can potentially do.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 6:35 P.M. The next regular meeting date will be Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at 5:30 P.M. in the Executive Conference Room on the second floor of City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Brooke Siggers, Secretary to the Landmark Commission

1/9/2025

Date

Approved,



Mazie Adams, Landmark Commission Chair

1/7/2025

Date