

**CITY OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS  
LANDMARK COMMISSION**

Minutes for the regular meeting of  
December 8, 2020

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At 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday December 8, 2020, 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**

Jim Edmonson  
Marjorie Kitchell

**STAFF PRESENT**

Karen Knittel, Assistant Planning Director  
BreAnna Kirk, Planning Technician

**COUNCIL PRESENT**

Mary Dunbar

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Deborah Van Kleef  
Larry Rawson  
Jessica Wobig

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with all above-listed attendees present at remote locations joining through the City's WebEx meeting link.

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 3, 2020 MEETING**

Approved unanimously with corrected text per request by Ken Goldberg on third New Business point and second Lanphear-Callander Sears House Point.

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 21, 2020 JOINT MEETING WITH THE  
ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW**

Approved unanimously as submitted.

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2020 JOING MEETING WITH THE  
ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW**

Approved unanimously with corrected text per request by Ken Goldberg on the third bullet point of the first case fence discussion.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### CLG-Citywide Design Guidelines update

No update.

### Landmark Ordinance and Procedures

Commission members discussed possible programming in collaboration with Future Heights and community experts to foster education on the Landmark Ordinance. Commission members discussed the passing of the Landmark Ordinance and are disappointed they were not consulted first. Ms. Adams said Landmark Commission members heard the issues that were raised during the Ambler Heights process and worked hard to develop procedures and guidelines for how it would go forward. She said it is unfortunate that Council did not come to them in advance because they could have allayed their fears and concerns without Landmark Ordinance changes going to Council like it did. Commission members and Councilwoman Dunbar agree that more education is needed. Members will look over the ordinance and come up with ideas for additional changes or corrections to make it stronger.

### Potential Landmarks

Ms. Adams said the Commission will put landmarking new properties on hold until they sort through any potential changes to the City Council Ordinance and work on design guidelines.

### Landmark Properties

- Medusa Portland Cement Company Central Offices, 3008 Monticello Boulevard- Ms. Adams said the owner of the building has spoken with Future Heights and is looking for a new partner to continue discussing renovation ideas.
- Silsby Road Fire Station, 3216 Silsby Road- Ms. Knittel said the plan for a tea house will not move forward. There has been other interest in the property, but a lease has not been signed and nothing is moving forward yet.
- Beaumont School (Painter Estate), 3301 North Park Boulevard- Mr. Veider asked for an update. Mr. Goldberg said the Landmark Commission may be granted an opportunity to tour the mansion with Bialosky Cleveland. Mr. Veider said the College Club is a good model and noted the school may be able to fit a large track/field if they reconfigure on-site parking.

### Preservation Activities and Lectures

Ms. Adams would like to put preservation activities and lectures together for the spring. One of Mr. Goldberg's ideas is a presentation on the exchange of land and border between Shaker Heights and Cleveland Heights. Ms. Adams and Ms. Lann discussed using the Cleveland Restoration Society (CRS) as a resource for a presentation or Q&A session. Ms. Lann also discussed a presentation that includes the Cleveland Heights Bradford path and

Severance barn. Mr. Souther has a contact that conducted research on the post-Rockefeller era of Forest Hill who may give a presentation.

CH-UH Archives group/Cleveland Memory/Cleveland Historical

Mr. Souther discussed a new piece on the Painter Estate by Cleveland Historical. While it is mostly a historical piece, it does include concerns about the Estate's future.

National Register of Historic Places, District Updates

Ms. Adams discussed identifying an existing National Historic District to possibly designate as a Local Landmark District. The Commission would first solidify procedures and guidelines, and then put them in action, hoping to adjust and learn as they go. A smaller district like Inglewood would be easiest. Ms. Knittel said Stadium Square was listed on the National Register in April. The Tudor buildings are still tied up in court for foreclosure.

Development Updates

No updates.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Mr. Veider asked about community awards for preservation or renovation. They were not given in 2020. Ms. Knittel will suggest allowing the 2021 awards to include work that was done in both 2020 and 2021.
- For the City centennial, Ms. Knittel suggested using old community walks/tours to create a self-guided walking tour that would allow residents to get out in the community while following COVID-19 guidelines. Commission members identified possible sources and ways to display the information on a landing page.
- Ms. Kirk will propose a 2021 meeting schedule and email it to Commission Members.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 6:52 p.m. The next regular meeting date will be Thursday, January 7th, 2021, at 5:30 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