

## **CITY OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS LANDMARK COMMISSION**

### **Minutes for the Regular Meeting of July 5, 2023**

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

#### **LANDMARK COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mazie Adams  
Danielle Cohen  
Jim Edmonson  
Ken Goldberg  
Margaret Lann  
Benjamin Sperry

#### **LANDMARK COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT**

Tom Veider

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

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

#### **COUNCIL PRESENT**

None

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

None

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

#### **MINUTES OF THE MAY 2, 2023 LANDMARK COMMISSION MEETING; THE MAY 4, 2023 LANDMARK SPECIAL MEETING; AND THE MAY 9, 2023 JOINT LANDMARK AND ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW SPECIAL MEETING**

Mr. Goldberg requested a few edits to the May 2, 2023 and May 4, 2023 minutes. Ms. Adams requested that the May 9, 2023 minutes reflect an action item that the chairs of the ABR and Landmark Commission draft a letter to the Mayor. Mr. Edmonson made a motion to approve the May 2, 2023 minutes, seconded by Mr. Sperry, and unanimously approved with the requested corrected text of Mr. Goldberg. Mr. Edmonson made

a motion to approve the May 4, 2023 minutes, seconded by Mr. Sperry, and unanimously approved with the requested corrected text of Mr. Goldberg. Mr. Edmonson made a motion to approve the May 9, 2023 minutes, seconded by Mr. Sperry, and unanimously approved with the requested corrected text of Ms. Adams.

## **STAFF REPORT**

### Landmark Ordinance and Procedures

Mr. Zamft stated that the City of Cleveland Heights was awarded a grant for landmark ordinance. A Request for Proposal is in its final stages of review and is to be released soon in pursuit of applicant proposals.

### Potential Landmarks

Mr. Zamft mentioned that the Douglas Arts Building has a new owner. The commissioners stated that the Douglas Building is a potential Landmark, which would allow it to receive tax credits presenting an opportunity for the revitalization and restoration of its original character.

### Landmark Properties

Mr. Zamft stated that the DLR Group is restoring the Garfield Memorial in Lake View Cemetery and per the Landmark Commission's previous approval of the work, will be clarifying stone compatibility between the building and lower terrace.

Ms. Lann stated that the Forrest Hill Home Owners are discussing how to approach restoration and considering which sections to prioritize.

Mr. Zamft stated that signage is being ordered and a ribbon-cutting ceremony is currently being planned for the historic signage on Bradford and Oakwood.

Mr. Zamft updated the Commission that the current owners of the Medusa building want to demolish it. The mayor is not in favor of its demolition.

### National Register of Historic Places

Mr. Zamft noted that the Park Synagogue plans to apply for the national registry. They have already been approved for \$10 million in historic tax credits, and are considering utilizing overlay zoning in order to aid in its redevelopment.

### Development/Planning Updates

Mr. Sperry indicated that Fairmount Presbyterian Church is currently undergoing an energy efficiency assessment. They hope to install solar panels at some point after public discourse.

Mr. Zamft indicated that the site on Noble Rd that used to be a McDonald's is undergoing a preliminary review of a new affordable housing development project.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Landmark Ordinance and Procedures

No updates.

### Potential Landmarks

The Robert P. Madison House was discussed as a potential Landmark, and commissioners decided to reach out to the current homeowner, Ms. Elizabeth Schaal again. Two letters were sent in 2022 to suggest this possibility to the current homeowner, but she has not yet replied. Ms. Adams requested that staff send a third letter.

### Landmark Properties

Mr. Zamft discussed the Alcazar. The commissioners noted that the building is being renovated and is improving, although landscaping has drastically changed.

Mr. Zamft noted that the Taylor-Tudor renovation is moving forward with redevelopment after having received \$6 million in historic tax credits. The larger "Cain Park Village" revitalization is in early planning stages and would need a new zoning district.

### Preservation Activities & Lectures

Ms. Adams stated that there is a new local historian librarian in the Cleveland Heights library system, and there will be upcoming events announced 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**

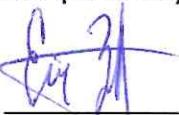
### Local Landmark Recertifications

The Commission discussed the Landmark certificate for the Noble Road Fire Station (Fire Station #2) and, tangentially the Silsby Road Fire Station (Fire Station #3), since they share many of the same characteristics. Ms. Adams was going to provide additional detail on the interior architectural features. The Commission decided to continue to look at both fire stations at the next meeting. Ms. Adams asked staff to reach out to the Law Department regarding the extent to which the Commission could update any of the Landmark certificates to add features that were not originally identified.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned 6:39 p.m. The next regular meeting date will be Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



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Eric Zamft, Acting Landmark Commission Secretary

Approved,



Mazie Adams, Landmark Commission Chair