

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

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of  
January 3, 2024

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At 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, a regular meeting of the Landmark Commission was held in the Executive Conference Room in City Hall.

### **LANDMARK COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

### **LANDMARK COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Brooke Siggers, City Planner

### **COUNCIL PRESENT**

None

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Adams called the meeting to order at 5:31 P.M.

### **MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2023 LANDMARK ORDINANCE STAKEHOLDER MEETING**

Mr. Goldberg moved to adopt the October 16, 2023 Landmark Ordinance Stakeholder meeting minutes. Mr. Edmonson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

### **MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023 LANDMARK COMMISSION MEETING**

Mr. Sperry moved to adopt the November 7, 2023 Landmark Commission meeting minutes. Mr. Edmonson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

## **MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2023 LANDMARK ORDINANCE STAKEHOLDER MEETING**

Mr. Sperry moved to adopt the November 13, 2023 Landmark Ordinance Stakeholder meeting minutes. Mr. Veider seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

## **MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2023 LANDMARK ORDINANCE PUBLIC MEETING**

Mr. Sperry moved to adopt the December 11, 2023 Landmark Ordinance Stakeholder meeting minutes. Ms. Cohen seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

### **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

Ms. Lann moved to nominate Ms. Adams as Landmark Commission chair. Ms. Cohen seconded Ms. Lann's nomination, and Ms. Lann's motion passed unanimously. The Commissioners unanimously voted for Ms. Adams to be Chairperson. Ms. Adams will continue in her role as Landmark Commission chairperson for another term.

### **STAFF REPORT**

#### Landmark Ordinance and Procedures

Ms. Siggers began the staff report with an update on the most recently upcoming Landmark Ordinance Update activity. Ms. Siggers and Director Zamft will be meeting with the Law Department on January 11, 2024 to review the new code revisions. Ms. Siggers also shared a draft Project Timeline with the Commissioners, which was used to set future meeting dates. The upcoming meeting dates are as follows: The second and final public meeting will be held on either February 12, or February 26, 2024; the third internal meeting will be held on March 18, 2024; and the fourth and final internal meeting will be held on April 9, 2024. Commissioners discussed that they believe the Ordinance Update is going well and are happy with the selected team.

#### Potential Landmarks

No updates.

#### Landmark Properties

Planning Staff will discuss signage procedure with Chair, Ms. Adams. A proposed process was drafted by previous City Planner, Ms. BreAnna Kirk, which Ms. Adams will review. Staff should have more details regarding the Park Synagogue renovations at the next Landmark Commission meeting. Staff has not received updates on the Medusa or Alcazar plans at this time.

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

Ms. Adams shared that the Cleveland Heights Landmark Commission, Cleveland Heights Historical Society, Heights Libraries, and the Cleveland Restoration Society will hold a pre-publication talk given by author Lauren Pacini in relation to his coming book, *Empire Builders: an Illustrated History of the Rise and Fall of Cleveland's Van Sweringen Brothers* in May, in honor of preservation month. The same sponsors will also hold an event on May 29, 2024 on stain glass work with an African American artist.

### National Register of Historic Places

No updates.

### Development/Planning Updates

Taylor-Tudor is moving forward, and new zoning is to go before Council soon. Planning for the development of Taylor Commons, the east side of Taylor Road, should occur later this year. Staff has not received updates regarding the Taylor Road Synagogue.

Planning Staff will soon be kicking off a comprehensive neighborhood plan for the Noble Road Corridor this month. The subject area will be comprised of the area between Noble and Nela Road to Warrensville Center Road and Mayfield Road.

Staff will be proposing changes to the design review process, which will address procedures for projects that require approvals from both the Landmark Commission and Architectural Board of Review.

### Grant Updates

No updates.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Update on Local Landmark Recertifications

Landmark Commissioners reviewed and made final edits to the Alcazar's recertification text to include information that clarifies that the original fountain has been replaced. Mr. Veider moved to adopt the recertification text and the motion was seconded by Ms. Lann. The motion passed unanimously.

Landmark Commissioners also reviewed and revised the recertification texts of The Civic, The Alexander House (A.K.A. College Club), and Christ Our Redeemer A.M.E. Church.

**Intern Project Goals**

Ms. Siggers discussed the Landmark Commissioners' goals for hiring an intern to log landmark data. Commissioners stated that they would like an intern to update files and comprehensively document all landmark sites including pictures, site plans, significant interior and exterior features, and all other pertinent information and data as required by the Ordinance.

**Brochures**

Mr. Goldberg shared brochures he had brought, which the Landmark Commission had sponsored many years ago pertaining to Cleveland Heights apartment buildings, double houses, bungalows, mail-order houses, and several Historic Districts. He mentioned that Dr. Marian Morton, former Landmark Commission Chair had suggested that the City reproduce the brochures, as they are as valuable now as they were when they were produced. Commissioners expressed an interest in this possibility and Ms. Siggers borrowed the brochures for Planning Staff to scan and digitize to eventually replicate.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Brooke Siggers, Landmark Commission Secretary

3/15/2024  
Date

Approved,

  
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Mazie Adams, Landmark Commission Chair

3/15/2024  
Date