

CITY OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS LANDMARK COMMISSION

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of May 7, 2024

At 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 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
Tom Veider
Danielle Cohen
Jim Edmonson

LANDMARK COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Brooke Siggers, City Planner
Christy Lee, Administrative Assistant
Karim Azzam, Intern

COUNCIL PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Adams called the meeting to order at 5:32 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 26, 2024 AND MARCH 5, 2024 LANDMARK COMMISSION MEETINGS

Mrs. Lann moved to adopt the February 26, 2024 Landmark Commission internal meeting minutes. Mr. Edmonson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

Mr. Edmonson moved to adopt the March 5, 2024 Landmark Commission regular meeting minutes. Mrs. Lann seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

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 discussed

the many comments made at the March 11th public meeting. Owner consent was heavily discussed at the public meeting, and Commissioners expressed the need for an additional internal work session meeting to further discuss owner consent, as well as other questions, concerns, and comments made by the public. Ms. Siggers explained that The Naylor Wellman team made changes to Landmark Ordinance and supplied the most updated revision to the City and SHPO. SHPO has approved the changes, which fulfills the City's responsibilities under the CLG Grant. Further updates can still be made to the proposed Landmark Ordinance Update as it proceeds through local review processes. Ms. Siggers is assembling required materials for the completion of the grant.

Potential Landmarks

Project no. 24-01, Centrum Theater [GHC MANAGEMENT INC], 2781 Euclid Heights, 'C3' General Commercial, requests review of nomination and recommendation to Planning Commission to become Landmarked.

The Applicant withdrew their case from review at this meeting, and plans to attend the following meeting to present their nomination application.

Intern Karim Azzam presented a new guidance document that was created to assist future landmark designation applicants in providing required application materials. Commissioners discussed wording and provided edits. The guidance document will be publicly released when revisions are completed.

Ms. Cohen discussed that she will be asking the owners of the Sears house on Meadowbrook are interested in Landmarking their property.

Mr. Veider recommended that if the City elects to give \$1,000,000 to developers of the Cedar-Fairmount grocer, a condition should be included requiring the building to be Landmarked.

Landmark Properties

Ms. Siggers reported that the City's sign liaison is retiring. Planning Staff will soon be meeting with Public Works to discuss next steps, which is an opportune time to raise the issue of historic signs. Ms. Siggers also reported that the Park Synagogue developer is currently undergoing the planning, design, and analysis process. Commissioners expressed questions and concerns regarding how the property will be changed. Mr. Goldberg stated that a wing is going to be demolished, and that the auditorium will be demolished for senior housing. Commissioners requested updates regarding the proposed changes and demolitions.

The Alcazar is going to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Architectural Board of Review soon to obtain needed approvals for the planned renovations.

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

May is Preservation Month, and Ms. Siggers reported that Director Zamft would like to hold an event to promote preservation and potentially discuss the Ordinance Update. Commissioners did not feel that they had availability to hold an event, but offered to set up a table at one of the City's upcoming events. Marian Morton has suggested that the City re-issue and re-introduce the various brochures. Planning Staff is working on coordinating this with our Communications Department.

National Register of Historic Places

Director Zamft attended the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board hearing on March 15, 2024, at which they recommended Park Synagogue for nomination to the National Registry.

Development/Planning Updates

Ms. Siggers reported that Planning Staff has been discussing the second phase of the Taylor-Tudor project with the developer. Nobility Court, the affordable housing building, has received design review approvals. It was introduced to Cancel on May 6, 2024 for approval of the development agreement. Ms. Siggers also reported that the Noble Road comprehensive planning project is ongoing. Planning Staff has been holding monthly meetings about conditions along Noble Road. Ms. Siggers also reported that Planning Staff is discussing changes to the design review process. When instituted, Landmarks will only go to the Landmark Commission for design review approvals, and will not need to go to the Architectural Board of Review.

Grant Updates

Ms. Siggers reported that the City will be supporting the Oakwood Drive Brick Road Restoration CLG Grant request.

NEW BUSINESS

Update on Local Landmark Recertifications

None.

Intern Project Goals

Ms. Siggers reported that Karim Azzam will be joining Planning Staff for eight (8) weeks this summer as an intern, and will help ensure that all Landmarked properties have complete files.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 6:42 P.M. The next regular meeting date will be Wednesday, July 2, 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

7/3/2024

Date

Approved,



Mazie Adams, Landmark Commission Chair

7/2/2024

Date