

CITY OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS LANDMARK COMMISSION

MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 4, 2025 REGULAR MEETING

At 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, a regular meeting of the Landmark Commission was held in the Executive Conference Room in City Hall

LANDMARK COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Mazie Adams
Margaret Lann
Ken Goldberg
Jim Nemastil
Dani Cohen

LANDMARK COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

Jim Edmonson
Tom Veider

STAFF PRESENT

Brooke Siggers, City Planner
Christy Lee, Administrative Assistant

COUNCIL PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 LANDMARK COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Goldberg submitted corrections to the drafted minutes. Commissioner Lann moved to adopt the November 5, 2024 Landmark Commission meeting minutes with the submitted corrections. Commissioner Nemastil seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 7, 2025 LANDMARK COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Goldberg submitted corrections to the drafted minutes. Commissioner Cohen moved to adopt the January 7, 2025 Landmark Commission meeting minutes with the submitted corrections. Commissioner Goldberg seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

STAFF REPORT & OLD BUSINESS

Potential Landmarks

Landmark Commission Chair Adams explained that John Grabowski reached out to her to explore landmarking apartment buildings on Overlook, and that she will reach out to him again to discuss next steps for nomination.

Commissioner Goldberg stated that there are about three (3) homes on Harcourt whose owners are interested in nominating them as Landmarks. Commissioners along with City Staff will continue to engage them to assist them in moving forward.

Commissioner Goldberg also noted that a beautiful stucco house around the Kenilworth mews and Derbyshire Road intersection is in disrepair and is falling apart, but would be a great property to consider Landmarking if it can be saved.

Landmark Properties

Landmark Commission Chair Adams asked if there were any updates on Park Synagogue's ability to host the Landmark Commission's 50th Anniversary event. City Planner Brooke Siggers explained that Director Zamft reached out to Park Synagogue and that City Staff is awaiting a response. Park Synagogue may be able to host, but will need to confer with the Fire Department because they currently view it as an empty building. Siggers asked Commissioners if there are any additional Landmarks that City Staff can consider for hosting the event, to which Commissioners responded listing The Alcazar, Church of the Savior, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and the Superior Schoolhouse. Commissioners liked the idea of holding the 50th anniversary event at the Superior Schoolhouse, accommodating the crowd between both the first floor of the schoolhouse and the outdoor lawn area with a tent. Siggers and Administrative Assistant Christy Lee offered to show Chair Adams and Commissioner Cohen the site on Friday at noon to gauge the state in which it is in and the possibility of hosting an event there.

Siggers and Lee will talk with the Public Works Department to figure out how an outdoor tent, food, and drinks can be served at the site, and Siggers will work with Communications to recreate the walking tour brochures and Landmarks booklets by the event date. Commissioners would also like the event advertised in The Observer. The final date selected for this event is Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

Landmark Ordinance and Procedures

Landmark Commission Chair Mazie Adams announced that an internal meeting was held with Director Zamft, City Planner Brooke Siggers, assistant law director Justin Hines, Commissioner Jim Edmonson, and the Naylor-Wellman team on January 28, 2025. City Planner Siggers distributed the memo and most recent revision of the updated Ordinance prior to the

meeting. It was decided at this meeting that the updated ordinance would come before City Council in June following the Landmark Commission's 50th Anniversary celebration.

Preservation Activities & Lectures

Landmark Commission Chair Mazie Adams will be presenting on the history of Cleveland Heights on April 22, 2025 at the Lee Road Heights Libraries location. Commissioner Lann announced that the Cleveland Restoration Society will be holding a Heritage Home Program event called Preservation is Sustainable on May 27, 2025 which will also be at the Lee Road Heights Libraries location.

Commission Chair Adams announced that the Garfield Monument at the Lakeview Cemetery won two (2) awards from the Cleveland Restoration Society and American Institute of Architects. They were awarded the Distinguished Restoration of a Cultural Landmark, as well as for the AIA Craftsmanship Award.

Commissioner Cohen announced that they will be guiding a walking tour through the Erie Street Cemetery on April 11, 2025 with the State Historic Preservation Offices and Young Preservationists of Ohio.

National Register of Historic Places, District Updates

Commission Chair Adams announced that the Fairmount Heights District's nomination to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places will be on the next Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board agenda. The meeting will be held on March 14, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.

Development Updates

City Planner Brooke Siggers announced that ARTFUL, Inc. will soon be moving into the former St. Alban's church building and will adaptively reuse the site as a community arts center. Commissioner Lann let Siggers know that she had information regarding the building's abatement if ARTFUL is interested in reviewing it. Siggers confirmed that she will let them know that the information is available if they would like it.

Siggers also reported that she is continuing to work with the WXZ team to arrange a tour for the Commissioners to view the Taylor Tudor project, but that it was on held because they are still undergoing an asbestos abatement. Commissioners Cohen and Goldberg discussed that they have noticed progress made to the Taylor Tudor project, most recently having seen that windows and doors were missing indicating that they may are being replaced.

Grant Updates

City Planner Brooke Siggers announced that the Planning Department is currently working with their grant team to apply for about \$200,000 in archiving funds to sort and digitize historic documents.

NEW BUSINESS

Update on Local Landmark Recertifications

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 6:28 P.M. The next special meeting date will be Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 5:30 P.M. in the Executive Conference Room on the second floor of City Hall. The next regular meeting date will be Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 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



Date

Approved,



Mazie Adams, Landmark Commission Chair



Date