

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

March 22, 2023

City Hall – Council Chambers
44 North Lorimier Street

Commission Members Present: Brian Balsmann, Kirsten Glaser, Bonnie Kipper, Ryan Lane, Ashley Roney, Phyllis Sides. Mary Kay Smith

Commission Members Absent: Anne Hendrix

Staff Present: Carol Peters, Ryan Shrimplin

Others Present: Dr. Steven Hoffman, Southeast Missouri State University Historic Preservation Program Coordinator (Advisor to the Commission), Felix Kinsley (Honorary Member)

Call to Order

Chairman Lane called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 15, 2023 Historic Preservation Commission meeting were unanimously approved upon a motion made by Ms. Kipper and seconded by Ms. Glaser.

OTHER BUSINESS

2023 Endangered Buildings List

The Commission invited those who submitted a nomination for the 2023 Endangered Buildings List to present their nomination at the meeting. Fifteen nominations were submitted, three of which were presented. The Commission then reviewed all of the nominations and discussed whether each one should be considered for the Endangered List, the Watch List, or excluded entirely. At its next meeting on April 19, 2023, the Commission will make its selections from the nominations as well as the buildings on the 2022 Endangered Buildings List in order to finalize and adopt the 2023 Endangered Buildings List.

Historic Preservation Month Activities

Chairman Lane asked the other Commission members to share their ideas for Historic Preservation Month. Upon discussion, the Commission decided to host a walking tour of South Main Street. The tour was set for May 8, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. beginning at the southwest corner of South Main Street and Independence Street and ending at the River & Rails building. The Commission decided to have the tour highlight historic buildings that still serve their original purpose and buildings that have been repurposed in a way that preserves their historic character. Dr. Hoffman agreed to lead the tour, with assistance from Ms. Glaser, Chairman Lane, and Ms. Sides. Ms. Glaser agreed to speak about the Red House while Chairman Lane and Ms. Sides agreed to speak about Old St. Vincent Church. Chairman Lane stated he would contact Hot Sauce Werks and Water and William Olive Oil Co. – two

businesses in the River & Rails building – and ask if they would be willing to host a reception at the conclusion of the tour.

Mr. Balsman suggested, this year or in a future year, working with artists or designers to have sketches or renderings prepared illustrating how the buildings on the Endangered Buildings List could be rehabilitated. Chairman Lane stated that he liked the idea but did not feel it could be completed in time for Historic Preservation Month this year. He noted that he would like to see it happen in 2024, if possible.

Commission Appointment Recommendation

Ms. Peters explained that two seats on the Commission were open due to the recent resignations of Ms. Clark Hill and Ms. Roney, and a third seat would soon be open due to Ms. Kipper reaching her term limit on April 16, 2023. The Commission reviewed the City Advisory Board and Commission applications on file for those interested in serving on the Historic Preservation Commission. Mr. Andrew Ostrowski and Mr. Carl “David” Atkins, each of whom submitted an application, appeared before the Commission to introduce themselves. The Commission unanimously recommended Ms. Denise Lincoln to fill Ms. Clark Hill’s seat and Mr. Carl “David” Atkins to fill Ms. Roney’s seat. The Commission decided to wait until the next meeting to make a recommendation for Ms. Kipper’s seat.

Commission Communication

Ms. Kipper urged everyone to attend the City Council meeting on April 17, 2023 to show support for the Broadway Theatre redevelopment proposal.

Mr. Lane stated that he would be scheduling a tour of the Holy Family Catholic Church building in the near future.

Ms. Sides stated that she recently contacted the archivist at the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau and obtained some information for the Holy Family Catholic Church National Register nomination.

Chairman Lane stated that Ms. Hendrix has agreed to take over as Chairman of the Outreach Subcommittee while he will remain the Chairman of the Education Subcommittee. Both subcommittees will schedule meetings after Historic Preservation Month. The Outreach Subcommittee will resume working on the Original Treasures program.

Staff Communication

Mr. Shrimplin welcomed Ms. Mary Kay Smith to the Commission.

Mr. Shrimplin announced that the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will be in Cape Girardeau on April 19, 2023 to conduct an evaluation of the City’s Certified Local Government (CLG) program. The evaluation is performed every four years. SHPO staff will meet with City staff in the afternoon and give a presentation in the evening at the Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. upon a motion made by Ms. Glaser and seconded by Ms. Roney.

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Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Lane
Chairman