

MINUTES OF THE LANDMARKS BOARD

DATE: March 14, 2018

TIME: 5:30pm

The regular meeting and public hearing of the Landmarks Board was held on the above date and time in City Council Chambers, third floor of Historic City Hall with the following members and City of Springfield staff in attendance: Gary Bishop (Chair), Nancy Crandall (Vice-Chair), Paden Chambers, Paul Lewis, Kaitlyn McConnell, and Kent Brown. Absent: Wallis Nattinger and Justin Stanek. Staff members: Michael Sparlin, Senior Planner and Duke McDonald, Assistant City Attorney.

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of December 13, 2017 were approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Certificate of Appropriateness: None
Certified Local Government Review: None
Pre-Application Review: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Certificates of Appropriateness:

334 E. Commercial Street – Joseph Gidman, 1650 S. Roanoke, stated that this is the only Dutch restaurant in Missouri and would like to add an aluminum panel storefront sign and showed a few samples of what they were proposing.

Ms. Crandall asked about the decals on the display windows and was told that they were to help add color and are completely removable.

Mr. Chambers motioned to **approve** the Certificate of Appropriateness (334 E. Commercial Street). Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Gary Bishop, Nancy Crandall, Paden Chambers, Paul Lewis, Kaitlyn McConnell, and Kent Brown. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Wallis Nattinger and Justin Stanek.

COMMUNICATIONS: Michael stated that the application for Certified Local Government Review at 524 West Chase Street that was presented at the November 2017 Landmarks Board meeting and it was recommended not to nominate for the National Register of Historic Places. However, 524 West Chase Street was nominated to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

REPORTS:

Report on Committees: None
Application: None
Demolition: None
Historic Sites and Districts:

Jefferson Avenue Footbridge – The City of Springfield Public Works presented a slide-show of possible renovations to the bridge and asked for Board recommendations. Comments of recommendation were noted.

Andrew Flippin, City of Springfield Public Works commenced the presentation to start discussion for recommendations, which is at the beginning point. Noted that the original purpose of the bridge was a transportation connection for pedestrians and bikes to get across the railroad tracks and they are looking at restoration that includes Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) recommendations and lighting for the south and north approach. Andrew showed three different options for access to the bridge via elevator/lift or ramps and a look at the plaza. An informational open house is scheduled for March 29, 2018 at the White River Brewing Company.

Kirk Juranas noted that Great River Engineering went over the bridge and made several recommendations that are being looked at and that steel testing was completed and they are looking at the different types of steel that have made up the composition of the bridge.

Spencer Jones, 2026 South Ingram Mill of Great River Engineering noted that they tested the steel and made calculations for different types of steel and the overall costs and currently looking at complete renovation.

Paden Chambers noted that SHPO or the National Park Service will have comments to the changes that are recommended and if the City will take the responsibility of maintenance for the proposed changes.

Gary Bishop noted that the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge is one of the most iconic structures in Springfield and the Landmarks Board and community want it preserved.

Comments included:

Spiral ramp (several liked this idea).	Connect to a sidewalk.	Open-air lifts/elevators.
Posting a picture of what the original bridge looked like historically.	Keep historical integrity and plan the budget for future maintenance, i.e., 20 years in the future.	Freight House Pedestrian Bridge (Kansas City) would be a good example to look at.
Lighting options, especially on the north side (several options shown by Public Works).	Ramps look better than lifts (breaks up the design of the bridge).	Entryway concerns on the north, would like it to remain basically the same.
South side concerns on the long grade eating up a lot space on the plaza.	Add a bike rail (railroad had bike clerks that rode back and forth).	New material concerns (keep current design on the bridge and add new design towers on each end with lifts).
Keep the plaza as open as possible.	Include both ramps and lifts.	Wheel-chair lift that won't allow bikes to fit.

Communications: None

Awards and Recognition: None

Design Guidelines: Federal budget has not currently passed.

Administrative Approval of C of A's: None

ANY OTHER MATTERS THAT FALL UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30pm.



Michael Sparlin
for Executive Secretary