

MINUTES OF THE LANDMARKS BOARD

DATE: March 8, 2017

TIME: 5:30pm

The regular meeting and public hearing of the Landmarks Board was held on the above date and time 2nd Floor Busch Building Conference Room with the following members and City of Springfield staff in attendance: Gary Bishop (Chair), Paden Chambers, Nancy Crandall, Justin Stanek, David Eslick. Absent: Kent Brown, Wallis Nattinger, and Len Eagleburger. Staff members: Michael Sparlin, Senior Planner and Duke McDonald, Assistant City Attorney.

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of February 8, 2017 were approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Certificate of Appropriateness: None

Certified Local Government Review - Timmons Temple National Nomination: Adding rock to the front of the building soon.

Pre-Application Review: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Certificates of Appropriateness:

306 E. Commercial Street: Ms. Martha Cooper, 306 E. Commercial Street, business owner, resident, and soon to be building owner on Commercial Street. Martha spoke of what condition the current windows are in and they need to be repaired or replaced. She brought a sample of what she is proposing. The proposed window will be vinyl, however she is keeping the original exterior and interior trim and the old window frame will remain in the building. Some of the current wood around the windows needs to be replaced and repaired.

Mr. Kerry Noe, 5639 E. Eastmore Street, purchased this building in 2010 and have lived in it until 2015 and explained that the utility bills were higher because of the windows. The purchase agreement states that he would supplement/credit \$2,100.00 towards windows and retained the bid for someone who has experience working on Commercial Street. He stated that these vinyl windows are on the higher end of cost because he wanted to replace the current windows with something better and follow along the lines of appearance of windows on Commercial Street.

Ms. Cooper mentioned that the firehouse is being used in a study for aluminum clad windows and asked if this could be a study for vinyl clad for a test case.

Paden Chambers asked if Ms. Cooper had any correspondence from the State Historic Preservation Office or the manufacturer of the window asking for the use of vinyl clad windows being accepted/allowed in historic districts.

Ms. Cooper did not research that information.

Michael Sparlin noted that there was an option for an aluminum clad window or the all wood at the firehouse. The Landmarks Board approved the aluminum clad windows. Those windows are primarily wood on the inside and the aluminum clad is a thin metal on the outer part of the window.

Mr. Paden stated that he is uncertain about allowing vinyl on Commercial Street. The firehouse was a “pilot project” and is currently being allowed in historic districts and is worried about vinyl being accepted/allowed in other historic districts.

Board members noted that Chapel Church is a historic site and not located in a historic site, which do not have adopted guidelines associated with them.

David Eslick noted that he looked up information during the presentation from the Historic Preservation Office and quoted “windows on secondary elevations that have limited visibility must match the historic windows and size configured on general characteristics, though finer details may not need to be duplicated and substitute materials may be considered.”

Paden Chambers said that the primary façade is the front façade and a secondary would be considered the rear/back of the building.

Gary Bishop closed the public hearing and asked for any motions.

David Eslick made the motion to accept the Certificate of Appropriateness (306 E. Commercial Street). No second motion. Motion dies due to lack of second.

Gary Bishop asked for another motion.

David Eslick made the motion to TABLE the Certificate of Appropriateness (306 E. Commercial Street) to check with the State Preservation Office about the use of vinyl clad windows. Nancy Crandall seconded the motion. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Paden Chambers, Gary Bishop, Justin Stanek, Nancy Crandall, and David Eslick. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Wallis Nattinger, Len Eagleburger, and Kent Brown.

Certified Local Government Review: None

Pre-Application Review: None

Local Historic Site Nomination Review: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

May 18th is the day for preservation activities of the Preservation Month. Nancy Crandall asked if there will be a web site that can be available to view. He requests that this activity be put on the Landmarks Board web page.

REPORTS:

Report on Committees: None

Application: None

Demolition: Michael sent out the list.

Historic Sites and Districts:

Walnut Street Identification Signage: None

Ozarks Rock Structures Survey: Take off agenda until further notice.

Jefferson Avenue Footbridge (Places in Peril): Move item up to 1st in agenda for discussion.

Paden Chambers noted that a small group has been formed, "Save our Footbridge" and it is composed of several people from Commercial Street as well Public Information Officer, Cora Scott, Council members Phylliss Ferguson, and Mike Schilling and are tasked with fund raising opportunities.

Paden Chambers also stated that it has been difficult getting in contact with Public Works staff to ask questions on the current progress and process.

Staff and Board members discussed about writing a letter to Public Works for an update or get on the agenda for a City Council Lunch meeting or invite Public Works to a Landmarks Board meeting.

The Board members want to show their strong support for the footbridge and are requesting to be on a City Council lunch agenda.

Communications: None

Awards and Recognition: None

Design Guidelines – CLG Grant for Commercial Street Design Guideline update: None

Administrative Approval of C of A's: 1041 E. Walnut Street – Construct wooden fence side, backyard:
Reviewed based on conformance to the Design Guidelines of that district and was approved.

ANY OTHER MATTERS THAT FALL UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:07pm.



Michael Sparlin
for Executive Secretary