

MINUTES OF THE LANDMARKS BOARD

DATE: July 20, 2016

TIME: 6:00pm

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

ROLL CALL

Presentation: Michael Sparlin presented information on the history of the Landmarks Board and also passed out an "Introduction to Landmarks Board" binder/book.

Presentation: Duke McDonald presented information on City Code Ethics and Conduct and noted this information can be found on Springfield's MuniCode.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant: Noted that the board has been pursuing CLG's grants and looking for direction and application was passed out. Michael Sparlin went over some of the points for applying. The grants will not exceed \$25,000 for the federal share is 60% and 40% is the matching funds from the applicant.

Paden Chambers noted that the State had allocated CLG \$93,000 funds which are 10% of the SHPO budget.

Michael Sparlin noted that the Historic Preservation office funds projects that relate directly to the identification, evaluation, and protection of historic, architectural or archeological resources and is extremely competitive.

Paden Chambers noted that at the CLG conference attendees were presented with different projects that have been awarded and getting grant funds. A couple of cities were did survey's and other creating guidelines for historic districts or revisions to the guidelines and they received funds. He also noted that Commercial Street and Walnut Streets guidelines were done in the 90's. Paden stated that he thought it would be better and beneficial to have updated guidelines.

Nancy Crandall asked who would do the guidelines and was told that an outside consultant would be hired.

David Eslick noted that everyone in the district would be involved in getting the guideline updated.

Bob Hosmer noted that we have recently have had problems with zoning ordinances along Commercial Street with interpretation.

Nancy Crandall asked how updating the guidelines would benefit Mid-Century as was told that it would not benefit Mid-Century and it is a separate task.

Paden Chambers stated that updating the guidelines would be the most beneficial to the Landmarks Board, City, and developers.

Michael Sparlin stated that Independence, MO started Historic Preservation Plan and will provide information at the regular Landmarks Board meeting in August, 2016.

David Eslick said that Louisiana, MO has great guidelines as well as Washington and Columbia, MO.

Michael Sparlin said the deadline to submit a grant application is July 31 and should stay the same each year so the Board can plan ahead. Bob Hosmer noted that the City's budget runs from fiscal year July 1 though June 30 and that this year's budget has already been submitted. The Landmarks Board should try to submit an application for 2017/2018 fiscal year.

Bob Hosmer asked for the cost of the rock structure survey and Michael Sparlin stated it was approximately \$18,000 and \$10,000 was from federal funds.

Discussion on whether the guidelines would be done separately for Mid-Town, Commercial and Walnut Street and it was consensus that each would be done separately within their district.

Michael Sparlin will check out Missouri and neighboring states and see what plans (guidelines) they are doing and have done.

Michael Sparlin passed out information regarding education (flyers) on historic preservation and where the field is heading in Missouri.

Duke McDonald questioned the current guidelines for Commercial Street and Blaine Street.

Paden Chambers noted that the main facade has always been Commercial Street, but property owners are starting to develop the Blaine Street side with entrances, porches, and etc., and there could be questions on how Blaine Street could develop.

Justin Stanek noted that if we plan on going forward applying for a grant and establishing new guidelines then there needs to be visionary meetings starting soon as September and October.

Justin Stanek suggested that this would be an excellent time to address Council again, possibly during a Council lunch.

David Eslick noted that this would also be the time to start talking with the three districts and getting them information.

Kent Brown asked if these guidelines would be amendments or additions to the Urban Conservation District (UCD) as it was created originally and was told that the UCDs would have to be looked at because they have not been updated since the 1980's and 1990's.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

Michael Sparlin went over the Landmark Board website on the City's web page and showed where the current historic sites are located and asked about the Rock Structure Survey and may be able to put a link to the states web site.

Paden Chambers asked about available members for reappointment.

Staff will check on the reappointment for David Eslick.

Duke McDonald will check on current ordinances for specific language for positions and terms on the board.

All current Landmark Members (except Wallis Nattinger) requested an "Introduction to Landmarks Board" binder/book.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:15pm by the motion from Wallis Nattinger and seconded from Paden Chambers. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: David Eslick, Lean Eagleburger, Justin Stanek, Paden Chambers, Kent Brown, Wallis Nattinger, and Gary Bishop. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Nancy Crandall. Len Eagleburger and Gary Bishop

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Sparlin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Michael Sparlin
for Executive Secretary