

MINUTES OF THE LANDMARKS BOARD

DATE: December 7, 2016

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, Kent Brown, Nancy Crandall, Justin Stanek, and Len Eagleburger. Absent: Wallis Nattinger and David Eslick. Staff members: Michael Sparlin, Senior Planner and Duke McDonald, Assistant City Attorney.

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of November 9, 2016 were approved as amended.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Certificate of Appropriateness: None

Certified Local Government Review - Timmons Temple National Nomination: None

Pre-Application Review: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Certificates of Appropriateness:

397 East Central:

Mr. Bishop noted that there was a tour of 397 E. Central to view the property.

Mr. Leland Blatter, Director of Buildings and Grounds for the Springfield Greene County Library District. Mr. Blatter stated that the existing sandstone steps have become a safety hazard and have closed off the middle section of the stairs entirely and only using the side stairs. The Library has tried to replace the sandstone steps in-kind, but the cost of the product and labor is estimated to be \$140,000 but feel that the money spent could be used more realistically and in more efficient manner other than the stairs. The proposal would be to replace with concrete matching the brownish/gray color and texture, they have looked at turning over the existing sandstone steps and using the other side, but that has already been done.

Mr. Brown asked for the estimated cost of the cement.

Mr. Blatter does not have the cost at this time due to getting the approval first but says maybe around \$50,000/\$60,000.

Ms. Crandall asked about the railing.

Mr. Blatter stated that they will be removing the current railing and be replaced with (stainless steel) one right up the middle for a total of three railings, two on the edges and one in the middle.

Mr. Paden asked who the Library has been working with for the replacement.

Mr. Blatter stated that MTS gave an initial concrete proposal.

Ms. Crandall asked about the structure that is currently located under the stairs.

Mr. Blatter stated that there is a room for stormwater with valves and would not be interfered with and will stay as is.

Mr. Paden asked about using the current steps for another purpose.

Mr. Blatter stated that they will look into something that could be used for repurposing.

Justin Stanek made the motion to approve Certificate of Appropriateness (**397 East Central**). Len Eagleburger seconded the motion. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Paden Chambers, Kent Brown, Justin Stanek, Len Eagleburger, Gary Bishop, and Nancy Crandall. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Wallis Nattinger and David Eslick

Certified Local Government Review: None

Pre-Application Review: None

Local Historic Site Nomination Review: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Michael Sparlin noted that he is waiting for a resume from Wallis Nattinger for the annual report for the Certified Local Government (CLG) that is due to the state by the end of December.

REPORTS:

Report on Committees: None

Application: None

Demolition: None

Historic Sites and Districts:

Walnut Street Identification Signage: None

Mid-Century Modern: Potential Historic Structures: None

Ozarks Rock Structures Survey: None

Jefferson Avenue Footbridge (Places in Peril): Mr. Chambers stated that there was a Commercial Club meeting and they talked about the footbridge and are very interested in pursuing a "Places in Peril" nomination. He stated that people on Commercial Street are concerned and believes that some don't realize how much the bridge is being utilized.

Ms. Crandall asked about the area behind the buildings on Commercial Street next to the railroad tracks and what are the plans.

Mr. Chambers stated that it is called Frisco Lanes and to allow access for property owners to utilize the area behind the buildings.

Mr. Sparlin stated that the Board and Commercial Club can submit a letter to the Public Works Director supporting the preservation of the footbridge.

The Board members stated their approval to send a letter of concern and interest for the preservation of the footbridge.

Mr. Bishop asked for a motion for Paden Chambers to draft a letter of support of the preservation of the footbridge and members to review and sign it.

Justin Stanek made the motion to authorize Paden Chambers to **draft a letter** and put on the agenda for review and discussion at the next board meeting. Nancy Crandall seconded the motion. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Paden Chambers, Kent Brown, Justin Stanek, Len Eagleburger, Gary Bishop, and Nancy Crandall. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Wallis Nattinger and David Eslick

Communications: None

Awards and Recognition: None

Design Guidelines: Michael Sparlin stated that most of the bids are around \$15,000/\$20,000 range and at the January meeting lay out a timeline for staff and board members and stated various steps that will need to be taken.

Administrative Approval of C of A's: None

ANY OTHER MATTERS THAT FALL UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD

Ms. Crandall asked about having Landmarks Board meeting to continue in the Busch Building 2nd Floor Conference Room. Staff members will look into the possibility.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:05pm by the motion from Justin Stanek and seconded from Len Eagleburger. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Paden Chambers, Kent Brown, Justin Stanek, Len Eagleburger, Gary Bishop, and Nancy Crandall. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Wallis Nattinger and David Eslick

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