

MINUTES OF THE LANDMARKS BOARD

DATE: January 12, 2022

TIME: 5:30pm

The meeting and public hearing of the Landmarks Board was held on the above date and time in Historic City Hall.

Staff members: Michael Sparlin, Senior Planner and Kyle Tolbert, Assistant Attorney.

ROLL CALL:

Landmarks Board members: Kaitlyn McConnell (Chair), Layne Hunton (Vice-Chair), Paul Lewis, Adam Letterman, John Hawkins, Jan Preston, and Bryan Lenox. Absent: Kent Brown.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of November 3, 2021 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Certificate of Appropriateness:

305 West Commercial Street – Layne Hunton recused himself. Matt McLaughlin submitted the application and wants to add two windows to the south façade facing Commercial Street. The CMU wall used to have a garage door but are not wanting to upset the “Do Good” sign that is presently on the wall and will be matching the windows that are up/down Commercial Street.

Ms. McConnell closed the public hearing.

Board Action:

Adam Letterman motioned to **approve** Certificate of Appropriateness (305 West Commercial Street). Bryan Lenox seconded the motion. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Kaitlyn McConnell (Chair), Paul Lewis, Adam Letterman, Jan Preston, Bryan Lenox, and John Hawkins. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kent Brown. Layne Hunton (Vice-Chair) recused himself.

Certificate of Appropriateness:

209 West Commercial Street – Dan Johnson wants to paint the front elevation brick and noted that the building had been burned in a fire in the 1950’s and the existing brick was applied to the façade to the building and is not original.

Mr. Lewis asked about the paint that is stated in the staff report and what the applicant is presenting at the meeting, noting that it is a “breathable” paint.

Ms. McConnell closed the public hearing.

Mr. Layne Hunton noted that painting brick is not a standard but believes in this case it will look better.

Mr. McConnell also noted that painting brick is not recommended but feels the same way as Mr. Hunton.

Mr. Lewis questioned the painted mentioned in the staff report and what is being presented at the meeting.

Dan Johnson stated that he has selected a different paint than mentioned in the application. He is proposing a brand called Romabio and passed out product information to the Board.

Board Action:

Layne Hunton motioned to **approve** Certificate of Appropriateness (209 West Commercial Street) with Romabio Masonry flat BioDomus paint provided by Mr. Johnson. John Hawkins seconded the motion. Ayes: Kaitlyn McConnell (Chair), Layne Hunton (Vice-Chair), Paul Lewis, Adam Letterman, Jan Preston, Bryan Lenox, and John Hawkins. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kent Brown.

Certificate of Appropriateness:

945 – 947 East Walnut Street – Paul Reichert stated that he had requested a demolition permit 20 years and was approved, but did not demo the garage at the time and this structure was not part of the Sanborn Maps from the 1930's.

Ms. McConnell closed the public hearing.

Mr. Hawkins asked what the recommendation would be if the garage was in good shape.

Mr. Sparlin stated that the garage was not part of the architecture survey on this property, like some other notable out buildings in the district.

Board Action:

Paul Lewis motioned to **approve** Certificate of Appropriateness (945 – 947 East Walnut Street). Layne Hunton seconded the motion. Ayes: Kaitlyn McConnell (Chair), Layne Hunton (Vice-Chair), Paul Lewis, Adam Letterman, Jan Preston, Bryan Lenox, and John Hawkins. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kent Brown.

Certificate of Appropriateness:

300-308 W. Commercial Street – The applicant or representative were not present at the meeting.

Mr. Sparlin and Mr. Tolbert noted that the Rules of Procedure state that the applicant or representative must be present at the meeting and recommended that the application be tabled to the next meeting.

Board Action:

John Hawkins motioned to **table** Certificate of Appropriateness (300-308 W. Commercial Street) to the February 9, 2022 meeting. Paul Lewis seconded the motion. Ayes: Kaitlyn McConnell (Chair), Layne Hunton (Vice-Chair), Paul Lewis, Adam Letterman, Jan Preston, Bryan Lenox, and John Hawkins. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kent Brown.

Local Historic Site Nomination Review:

836 South Delaware Avenue - Initiate for Historic site nomination and go forward to the Landmarks Board for full consideration on February 9, 2022.

Board Action:

Bryan Lenox motioned to **approve** (initiation) Local Historic Site Nomination (836 South Delaware Avenue) for consideration to the February 9, 2022 meeting. Jan Preston seconded the motion. Ayes: Kaitlyn McConnell (Chair), Layne Hunton (Vice-Chair), Paul Lewis, Adam Letterman, Jan Preston, Bryan Lenox, and John Hawkins. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kent Brown.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

REPORTS:

Report on Committees: None

Application: None

Demolition: None

Historic Site and Districts

Jefferson Avenue Footbridge: Michael Sparlin noted that the bids came in over 2x of the original bid and at this time there is no further information, but believes the City is looking at other alternatives.

Ms. McConnell asked if the Landmarks Board can have an additional role on considerations for the bridge.

Mr. Sparlin noted that the Landmarks Board (one member) could write a letter to City Council with recommendations.

Ms. McConnell noted that the bridge was closed 5 or 6 years ago and asked what its future is and what can the Landmarks Boards do, she also brought up the "lack" of speed on actions and stated that considerations for the bridge need to move at a

faster pace and wants the Landmarks Board to be kept abreast of options and would like to make recommendations to City Council.

Discussion with Landmarks Board on what recommendations were proposed and ask Michael Sparlin to forward any past meetings/bids or information/videos on the bridge to the Landmarks Board.

Mr. Lenox also stated that the bridge is considered part of transportation element that contributes to the walkability of the area.

Mr. Tolbert noted that the Landmarks has the power to make comments/recommendations to City Council and they may welcome further input when they are looking for other options and can ask other boards (Commercial Club) for input also.

Further Board discussion on the footbridge.

Mr. Hawkins volunteered to write the letter on behalf of the Landmarks Board.

Board Action:

John Hawkins motioned to **approve** writing a letter to City Council that contains recommendations regarding the footbridge rehabilitation. Bryan Lenox seconded the motion. Ayes: Kaitlyn McConnell (Chair), Layne Hunton (Vice-Chair), Paul Lewis, Adam Letterman, Jan Preston, Bryan Lenox, and John Hawkins. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kent Brown.

Potential Local Nomination: None

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 6:05pm.

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

Michael Sparlin, Senior Planner