

MINUTES OF THE LANDMARKS BOARD

DATE: March 9, 2022

TIME: 5:30pm

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

ROLL CALL:

Landmarks Board members: Layne Hunton (Vice-Chair), Paul Lewis, Adam Letterman, John Hawkins, Jan Preston, and Bryan Lenox. Absent: Kent Brown, Paul Lewis, and Kaitlyn McConnell. Staff members: Michael Sparlin, Senior Planner and Kyle Tolbert, Assistant Attorney.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of February 9, 2022, were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Certificate of Appropriateness:

237 South Florence – Melissa Higbie, representing the owner and looking to make the building accessible (3rd layer is not accessible) adding new elevator for internal accessibility to all parts of the building and here to answer any questions.

Mr. Layne Hunton asked about matching the brick.

Ms. Higbie said that the proposal of the addition will have the same brick.

Mr. Layne Hunton closed the public hearing.

Board Action:

Bryan Lenox motioned to **approve** the Certificate of Appropriateness (**237 South Florence**). John Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Layne Hunton (Vice-Chair), Adam Letterman, Jan Preston, Bryan Lenox, and John Hawkins. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kent Brown, Paul Lewis, and Kaitlyn McConnell.

Certificate of Appropriateness:

920 East Walnut Street – Brandon and Dixie Dickman, representing the owner, stated the goal is to keep the main structure that was destroyed from the fire. Most work will be repairing the gutters, shingles, soffit corbel brackets, and replacing vinyl siding with wood siding on dormers on front gable above the roof line.

Board members responded in appreciation of the repairs and the commitment.

Mr. Layne Hunton closed the public hearing.

Board Action:

John Hawkins motioned to **approve** the Certificate of Appropriateness (**920 East Walnut Street**). Jan Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Layne Hunton (Vice-Chair), Adam Letterman, Jan Preston, Bryan Lenox, and John Hawkins. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kent Brown, Paul Lewis, and Kaitlyn McConnell.

Local Historic Site Nomination Review:

836 South Delaware Avenue – Mr. Michael Sparlin speaking on behalf of the owners, who couldn't attend the meeting due to work schedules, stated that the house at 836 and 836½ South Delaware were originally owned by the Calhoun family and stayed in the family for approximately 110 years. Alexander and Susie Calhoun married in 1877 and move to Springfield and owned Calhoun Buggy and Implement Company, located downtown Springfield. The Calhoun's started with 25 acres of farmland and used their house as a social center for the community and also served as a meeting area for the Pickwick Sewing Club and Springfield Little Theatre.

836 S. Delaware features both a large two-story farmhouse and smaller split level carriage house (836½) and the main feature of the Craftman style farmhouse is the Carthage limestone that lines the large overhanging front porch, which is a characteristic of the Craftsman style.

What makes this notable is that the structure's is the masonry and very few houses in Rountree between Grand and Cherry have masonry. The floor plan in the farmhouse is classically Victorian and there is a large foyer, large front rooms, spartan kitchen with large pocket doors that close of the dining room and kitchen. The house features are perfect for entertaining.

The owners plan to apply for a short-term rental application for the carriage house. Listing in the Historic Register is a requirement for carriage houses to be used as short-term rentals.

Mr. Hunton opened the public hearing.

No speakers.

Mr. Hunton closed the public hearing.

Board Action:

Mr. John Hawkins motioned to **approve** Historic Site Nomination (**836 South Delaware Avenue**). Ms. Jan Preston seconded the motion. The motioned carried as follows: Ayes: Hunton (Vice-Chair), Preston, Hawkins, Letterman, and Lenox. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kaitlyn McConnell (Chair), Paul Lewis, and Kent Brown.

COMMUNICATIONS:

REPORTS:

Report on Committees: None

Application: None

Demolition: None

Historic Site and Districts:

Jefferson Avenue Footbridge: Mr. Kyle Tolbert, Assistant Attorney noted that the bids that were submitted were 2x over the amount and noted that City staff will apply for a grant through the U.S. Department of Transportation that would able the foot bridge to go forward. The deadline for the grant is in April and awarded in August, however there are only about 100 projects awarded. The Grant Avenue Parkway Corridor Plan was awarded one several years ago.

Discussion on Preservation on Historic Building Signage: Mr. Layne Hunton noted that this topic may be removed from the agenda. Discussion on signage issues from the past.

Board Action:

Mr. John Hawkins motioned to **remove** from the agenda (**Discussion on Preservation on Historic Building Signage**). Ms. Jan Preston seconded the motion. The motioned carried as follows: Ayes: Hunton (Vice-Chair), Preston, Hawkins, Letterman, and Lenox. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kaitlyn McConnell (Chair), Paul Lewis, and Kent Brown.

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 5:43pm.



Michael Sparlin, Senior Planner