

MINUTES OF THE LANDMARKS BOARD

DATE: May 22, 2024

TIME: 5:30pm

The meeting and public hearing of the Landmarks Board was held on the above date and time in person in the Busch Building, 2 West Conference Room.

ROLL CALL:

Landmarks Board members: John Hawkins, Vice-Chair, Adam Letterman, Bryan Lenox, Erick Kiser, Jan Preston (late), and Wanda Quintana. Absent: Seva Nix. Staff members: Michael Sparlin, Senior Planner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 10, 2024, minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Certificate of Appropriateness: **320 West Walnut Street** – Bill Derington, 1870 E. Kirkwood and stated that they biggest part of this project are the restoration of the window, noting that several are missing and boarded up. The owner has contracted with a window restoration company from the Kansas City area and are familiar with restoration. The owner is preferring to rebuild the storefront to the original and presented a rendering from around the 1920's, however they will prepare some drawings.

Discussion with board members if this is one certificate or should it be broken down by topic, stating the façade, doors, and roof need to be up to code due to damage, but they are looking at the cost. The windows and doors will get repaired, but cost will be a factor for the rest of the building and the owner would like to replace the aluminum and insulated glass with a more original look.

Mr. John Hawkins closed the public hearing.

Board members agreed to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness as written and they will need to submit an amendment if they change in the future.

Mr. Michael Sparlin noted that it is listed as a historic site and a new aluminum storefront would be appropriate as approved.

Board Action:

John Sellars to **approve** Certificate of Appropriateness (320 West Walnut Street). Bryan Lenox seconded the motion. The motioned carried as follows: Ayes: John Hawkins, Vice-Chair, Adam Letterman, Bryan Lenox, Erik Kiser, John Sellars, Jan Preston, and Wanda Quintana. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Seva Nix.

REPORTS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS: Discussion about Springfield Public Schools at 400 West Division Street – Will Hoey lead the discussion on behalf of the school district and noted that there have been several meetings and wanted to talk with the Landmarks Board on what may be a proposal coming forward.

Mr. Will Hoey went over the history of school district looking for property that would be available starting in 2022. They are now looking the property on the corner at 400 West Division and noted the school board approved their contract for the 8.5 acres and that it is a historic building. The building is no longer a church (church façade/Greek revival) but are offices and noted that it has had several renovations in the past (removed the sanctuary).

Mr. Will Hoey noted that the building likely will need to be demolished, indicating the process will need a very large site triangle that would ultimately impact 30% to 40% of the building. However, the school needs approximately 10 acres for their site, and this may not work for them even though it is a prime location.

Landmarks Board members discussed the issue of another historic structure being gone, but asked if any of the significant architectural pieces of the building that could removed for preservation, etc., it was also noted that this may incur a large public interaction and may need to relocate to another conference room to accommodate a larger crowd.

Mr. Will Hoey thanked the Board members for the discussion and will keep everyone informed.

Election of Officers: Layne Hunton resigned early May 2024 and will need to replace the Chair position as well as Vice-Chair.

- Bryan Lenox nominated John Hawkins for Chair and Eric Kiser seconded. 6/0 approved.
- Johns Sellars nominated Adam Letterman for Vice-Chair Bryan Lenox seconded. 6/0 approved.

Any other matters that fall under the jurisdiction of the Board:

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:08pm.

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