

MINUTES OF THE LANDMARKS BOARD

DATE: November 6, 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-Chair, Adam Letterman-Vice Chair, Genevieve Henry, Erik Kiser, Seva Nix, John Sellars, Nicole Falconer, and Wanda Quintana. Absent: Bryan Lenox. Staff members: Michael Sparlin and Andrew Menke, Senior Planners, Angela Duran, Associate Planner, and Kyle Tolbert, Assistant City Attorney.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 7, 2024, minutes were approved after correcting misspelled name (Erick to Erik).

NEW BUSINESS:

Certificate of Appropriateness: **1451 East Walnut Street** – Gail Babcock, 1451 E. Walnut, wants to replace front retaining wall that is disintegrated and will keep the same size, shape, and design as the original and are also replacing the front steps as they are starting to crack but a little wider.

Landmarks Board members noted that this is a safety issue and will not take away any of the historic properties.

Mr. John Hawkins closed the public hearing.

Board Action:

John Sellars motioned to **approve** Certificate of Appropriateness (1451 East Walnut Street). Erik Kiser seconded the motion. The motioned carried as follows: Ayes: John Hawkins-Chair, Adam Letterman-Vice-Chair, Seva Nix, Genevieve Henry, Erik Kiser, John Sellars, Nicole Falconer, and Wanda Quintana. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bryan Lenox.

Certificate of Appropriateness: **308 – 310 East Commercial Street** – Payton Chambers, 312 E. Commercial Street representing the owner Tindall Wilson Properties. Paden noted the current owner purchased the property in 2021 and plan to use federal historic tax credits to renovate the property and went over the history of the building. He explained that most of the interior was completely pulled out in 308 and talked about what was retained in 310, explaining what they will be renovating.

Landmarks Board member asked about the door on the south side and was told that it was originally to the city morgue, but the door will be bricked over.

Mr. John Hawkins closed the public hearing.

Board Action:

John Sellars motioned to **approve** Certificate of Appropriateness (308 – 310 East Commercial Street). Adam Letterman seconded the motion. The motioned carried as follows: Ayes: John Hawkins-Chair, Adam Letterman-Vice-Chair, Genevieve Henry, Erik Kiser, John Sellars, Nicole Falconer, and Wanda Quintana. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bryan Lenox. Seva Nix recused himself.

Certificate of Appropriateness: **400 West Division Street** – Will Hoey, 550 St. Louis Street, stated that they are trying to build Pipkin Middle School, and this is the 3rd site proposed. He noted that they had originally thought there were no historic structures on the site, but later found out that the church is one. He noted that they have had numerous different layouts that would include salvaging or reusing the building but could not find a way to get proposed changes to fit within the boundaries. He did state that the building has been renovated completely inside, and that the exterior is the only remaining historic feature and they are here asking for demolition.

Landmarks Board members discussed the history of the building and what options there were but noted that they can not stop the demolition but can delay it by 60 days. They decided to use their due diligence by voting to deny the request for demolition, knowing that it will go ahead after 60 days wait.

Mr. John Hawkins closed the public hearing.

Board Action:

Adam Letterman motioned to **approve** Certificate of Appropriateness (400 West Division Street). Erik Kiser seconded the motion. The motioned carried as follows: Ayes: John Sellars. Nays: John Hawkins-Chair, Adam Letterman-Vice-Chair, Seva Nix, Genevieve Henry, Erik Kiser, John Sellars, Nicole Falconer, and Wanda Quintana. Abstain: None. Absent: Bryan Lenox. **Motion failed.**

REPORTS: Michael Sparlin discussed dates to tour the Historic City Hall. December 5, 2024 at 4:00pm was chosen and Michael will send out the information regarding safety foot gear, hardhats, etc.

Michael Sparlin introduced Angela Duran, Associate Planner, Neighborhoods Division, and she presented they historic survey grant which City Council is pursuing. Went over what currently what grants were being offered (Historic Preservation Fund Grant will cover 60% and local match is 40%). Twenty-seven (27) sites were identified and went over each location (study area) and decide which one if the grant is funded. The Landmarks Board members decided upon Study Area One (1).

Board Action:

Adam Letterman motioned to **approve** Study Area One (1) as selected. Wanda Quintana seconded the motion. The motioned carried as follows: Ayes: John Hawkins-Chair, Adam Letterman-Vice-Chair, Seva Nix, Genevieve Henry, Erik Kiser, John Sellars, Nicole Falconer, and Wanda Quintana. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bryan Lenox.

COMMUNICATIONS:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair.



Michael Sparlin, Senior Planner