

MINUTES OF THE LANDMARKS BOARD

DATE: December 18, 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., John Sellars, and Wanda Quintana. Staff members: Michael Sparlin and Andrew Menke, Senior Planners.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 6, 2024 minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nicole Falconer recused herself.

Certificate of Appropriateness: **533 South Jefferson Avenue** – Brian Vanne, 138 Park Central Square representing the Springfield Cape Girardeau Catholic Diocese noting that there have been some developments since the original application and stated that the original Cathedral is on this historic register. They want the new parish hall to have some residential functions so the resident priest can do everything and go through a covered passageway to the rectory which add benefits to the services. Demolition on the site to be limited to a garage structure to the west of the Cathedral and will have a façade of brick that closely matches to the Cathedral and Rectory. They are planning to replace worn structures, roofs, and mechanical fences and other miscellaneous improvements.

General discussion on choice of material and possibly saving some of the stained glass to create some artwork.

Mr. John Hawkins closed the public hearing.

Mr. John Sellars appreciated the choice of materials and how everything was laid out.

Ms. Genevieve Henry would like to see different material used on the new structure because it honors the historic structure more than just the brick and we to embrace the new structure for what it is.

Board Action:

Adam Letterman motioned to **approve** Certificate of Appropriateness (533 South Jefferson Avenue). Seva Nix seconded the motion. The motioned carried as follows: Ayes: John Hawkins-Chair, Adam Letterman-Vice-Chair, Seva Nix, Genevieve Henry, and Erik Kiser. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: John Sellars, Wanda Quintana, and Bryan Lenox. Nicole Falconer recused herself.

2025 Landmarks Board Schedule was approved with the following:

Board Action:

Erik Kiser motioned to **approve** the 2025 Landmarks Board schedule. Adam Letterman seconded the motion. The motioned carried as follows: Ayes: John Hawkins, Chair, Adam Letterman, Vice-Chair, Seva Nix, Nicole Falconer, Genevieve Henry, Erik Kiser. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: John Sellars, Wanda Quintana, and Bryan Lenox.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Introduced Andrew Menke, Senior Planner will be taking over the Landmarks Board as staff member.

Michael Sparlin introduced Nicholas Edelman, Public Works (project manager on the footbridge and professional engineer) to talk about the Jefferson Avenue footbridge. He stated that the bridge was constructed in 1902 and placed on the National Register of historic places in 2003 and is an icon of Springfield history. He noted that the footbridge had gone before the board in 2018 and then 2022 and that the bids were higher than expected. He discussed permitting approval, material acquisition, approval from BNSF

(most of the work will be in their rail yard), shoring up the bridge during construction and that 40% of bridge needs repairing (paint system is also ailing) and is over active multiple railroad tracks. He also stated that the state has appropriated \$8M so it was sent back out for bids in 2024 and accepted the 10.8M and the contractor is getting approval from BNSF and should start in April 2025. Further discussion on construction process and how this may be accomplished.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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