

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Summary

June 14, 2023 5:00 p.m.

Item 1. Call to Order

Chairman Bissell called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Item 2. Roll Call

PRESENT: Betty Bissell, Susan Blaser, Darryl Coutts, Dennis Hartman, Marilyn Gerdes and Jason Van Till.

ABSENT: Rick deFlon

PUBLIC PRESENT: Ron Prewitt, Greg Smith, Edward Emery, Arnold Rosenboom, Elizabeth Bart (Press), Bob Gerdes, Courtney, Jason and McKenzie Cole, Lyndsey Baxter (DEP).

STAFF PRESENT: Sonya Morgan, City Council Liaison, Shantele Frie, Planner, Laura Mize, Neighborhood Specialist, Melinda Mehaffy, Economic Development Director, Molly McGovern City Manager, John Peterson (SHPO), Andrew Dial (SHPO) and Lisa Morgan Administrative Assistant.

Item 3. Approval of meeting Summary from May 10, 2023.

Commissioner Van Till made a motion to approve the meeting summary for the May 10, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Gerdes seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Vote: Motion Approved 6-0-0

Yes: Commissioners: Bissel, Blaser, Coutts, Gerdes, Hartman and Van Till.

No: None

Abstain: None

Item 4. Comments from visitors: Lyndsey Baxter Director of DEP gave an update on the Lithia Landing project. A grant has been received for the project and will be working on the rebuilding of the stairs and re-doing the stone wall that is adjacent to the property.

Item 5. Administratively approved COA's since last meeting:

- a. COA: HPC-23-019 - An application by Tom Symons for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a roof at 211 Temple St.

Chairman Bissell asked if there were anymore questions about the administratively approved application. There were none.

Item 6. Chairman Bissell presented the historic preservation award for Renovation and Restoration of an Investment property to Ron Prewitt for the property located at 522 Elms Blvd.

Item 7. John Peterson with SHPO gave a presentation on CLG Best Practices.

Andrew Dial with SHPO gave a presentation on HPF Subgrants.

Ms. Mehaffy: Hopefully these slide presentations you just viewed gave you some ideas of things we can do as a Historic District. We did apply for the restaurant grant by nominating Ray's dinner however no restaurant grants were awarded in the state of Missouri. We should also be thinking about doing some sort of walking tour in our downtown area, this should be fairly easy to put together.

Ms. Mehaffy thanked John and Andrew for driving all the way here to give the presentations and working with us through the audit.

Commissioner Gerdes asked if there were other restaurants nominated for the grant? Ms. Mehaffy said that The Mill Inn, Wabash and Rays were all nominated.

Item 8. Comments from Staff:

Ms. Mehaffy wanted to let the Commission know that Mike and Shantele are now reviewing plans for the Colony, they are going to install a new generator, it is a life safety issue so it has been administratively approved. We have spoken with them about screening on the east side of the tower, they are going to screen it with evergreens.

We have the demo happening at Lewis Elementary they are doing abatement right now. One of the things they offered was the playground equipment that had to be removed. So, they contacted Parks and Rec. and they went and removed the playground equipment that was reusable and safe. They are now going to be using the equipment at the playground behind Calvary church. It's a park that will eventually be donated to the city and the McElwee family will also be donating some new equipment which will include musical equipment. Also, the Boarding House District is going to be holding a neighborhood meeting and the Calvary Christian Church has offered to host the meeting at their building. This will be the first of these types of meeting and plan on having more.

June 29th there is another webinar training Best Practices for Effective Local Commission, if you are interested in seeing this let us know and we can set that up.

HPC camp is August 23-24 they will be conducting a model commission meeting and walk us through that, it will be exceptional. We will be hosting that here in Council Chambers so you can watch it and have a conversation about it.

Lisa Morgan talked about the Joplin trip and the booths that were set up, there were companies that will come north of the river to do work on historic window repair and another company that will do mold inspections and asbestos abatement. Their contact information will be available at the Community Development office should anyone ask the commissioners if they know of someone that can do that type of work.

Sonya Morgan let the Commission know that there will be a booth in the Hall of Waters building during Water Fest for the friends of the wells. If anyone would like to help with the booth, they are welcome to do so. Shantele said at the booth we will be giving out information and have a QR code people can scan to donate to the well's project.

Item 9. Comments from Commissioners:

Chairman Bissell thanked John and Andrew for spending the day with us. She also expressed her appreciation for all the work the staff does for the Commission

Commissioner Coutts said he really enjoyed the meeting we had last week for the wells.

Item 10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

The next meeting of the Commission is July 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Summary prepared by Lisa Morgan, Community Development Administrative Assistant