



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Jackson Historic District Commission

City Hall | 161 W. Michigan Avenue | 2nd Floor Council chambers
Tuesday, April 05, 2016 @ 6:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Grant Bauman, Marilyn Guidinger, Ric Scheele, John Schaub, Matt Swartzlander, and Jeannette Woodard

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lynn Fessel

GUESTS PRESENT: Kip Cunningham, Paul Klein, Councilperson Derek Dobies, State Rep. Poleski, Karl Schelling, Joe Filip

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Bauman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. Public Comment

Representative Poleski introduced himself to the commission and the public.

Derek Dobies thanked the commission for all of their continued efforts and actions through the commission.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Commissioner Schaub moved to approve the agenda, supported by Commissioner Scheele.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

4. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Guidinger amended the minutes to add Karl Schelling and Patrick Burtch to the listing of guests present at the meeting.

Commissioner Guidinger moved, with support from Commissioner Swartzlander, to approve the March 21, 2016 minutes as amended.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

5. Application(s) for Permission

A. Replacement of fascia metal of 145-159 Cortland St.

Kip Cunningham (contractor) explained the project scope and the safety concerns.

Paul Kline (Engineer/Architect) explained more specific detail oriented specs for the project.

Commissioner Schaub expressed concerns about the safety in regards to more than just the section that was being replaced.

Commissioner Woodard expressed concerns about the integrity of the design elements being taken into consideration during this project.

Commissioner Scheele moved to approve the application as presented per The Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation #6, support by Commissioner Swartzlander. Yeas- 4, Nays-2



The motion passed on a 4-2, roll call vote.

B. Demolition of 756 W. Michigan Ave

Karl Schelling (owner) provided brief history of the prior uses and renovations, and the associated maintenance costs. Additionally, he explained the financial hardship and his intent to redevelop the entire area (8 acres).

Commissioners discussed the maintenance costs, the denoted financial hardship, the lack of a gateway into downtown (mansion row), and the Building Officials determination about the status of the home following the fire.

Commissioner Woodard moved to deny the application, support by Commissioner Schaub. Yeas- 4, Nays-2

The motion passed on a 4-2, roll call vote.

C. Replacement of roof above entry door of 120 N Jackson St.

Dennis Richard (Representative of Church) explained to the commission the scope of the project and the reasoning for the replacement. Commissioner Guidinger stated that she will abstain from voting as she is a member of the Church.

Commissioner Scheele moved to approve the application per The Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation #6, support by Commissioner Woodard. Yeas- 5, Nays-0, Abstain- 1

The motion passed on a 5-0-1, roll call vote.

6. Old Business

Commissioner Schaub expressed his desire to form a committee that would update the existing list of Claire Ellen and the Pre-Civil War properties.

Commissioner Woodard moved to allow for Commissioner Schaub to form a committee and research grant and funding options which will be presented to the commission, supported by commissioner Guidinger.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

7. New Business. None.

8. Final Comments:

A. Public Comment.

Joe Philips (citizen) expressed his frustrations with the process of the commission and understands Representative Poleski's proposed legislation.

B. Commissioner Comment. None.

9. Reminder: Next Regular Meeting

Chairperson Bauman reminded the Commission that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, April 18, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

10. Adjournment

Chairperson Bauman adjourned the meeting at 7:12pm.



Respectfully submitted,
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