

**CITY OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS  
LANDMARK COMMISSION**

40 Severance Circle  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118

Minutes for the regular meeting of  
July 2, 2019

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At 5:30p.m. on Tuesday, July 2, 2019, a regular meeting of the Landmark Commission was held in the Executive Conference Room at City Hall, 40 Severance Circle.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mazie Adams  
Ken Goldberg  
Margaret Lann  
Mark Souther  
Jim Edmonson (enters at 5:34p.m.)  
Tom Veider (enters at 5:35p.m.)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Marjorie Kitchell

**STAFF PRESENT**

Kara Hamley O'Donnell, City Planner II/Historic Preservation Planner  
Jamie Miles, Planning Intern

**COUNCIL PRESENT**

Mary Dunbar (enters at 5:35pm)

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 7, 2019, REGULAR MEETING**

Mr. Goldberg would like to add a line about discussion of Currier & Ives illustrations in section about Hecker House fencing.  
Motion to approve as amended by Ms. Adams, seconded by Mr. Goldberg and approved 4-0.

Jim Edmonson enters at 5:34 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 5, 2019, SPECIAL MEETING**

No changes. Motion to approve by Ms. Adams, seconded by Ms. Lann and approved 5-0.

**STAFF REPORT**

Ms. Hamley-O'Donnell stated that the Grandview-Bellfield neighborhood has requested a discussion of possible local historic district designation.

Councilwoman Mary Dunbar and Tom Veider enter at 5:35 p.m.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Ambler Heights Historic District

- Ms. Adams: Reasons for acting quickly, starting study period only. Ms. Hamley O'Donnell will talk and then we will be open for public comment.
- Ms. Hamley O'Donnell asked for correspondence from neighbors about the historic district designation to be entered into the public record.
- Ms. Hamley O'Donnell presented a PowerPoint presentation about the importance of local historic districts, the historic districting process, why Ambler Heights is a good candidate, and where the neighborhood currently stands in the process.
- Ms. Adams: Now open for public comments.
- Ken Methven, 2207 Devonshire: What is the immediate threat that causes the urgency?
- Ms. Adams: Inquiry regarding the demolition of 2224 Devonshire
- Mr. Methven: Was that the home owned by Alex and Marisa? I believe it was, and I spoke with Alex and Marisa's father, who was helping them move, and I spoke to Marisa this afternoon, and she said that the house had been sold and now it is back on the market. Because someone had bought the house, and wanted to demolish the house and build a new house. I don't know if it was a solar house, but I was told it was a friend of Linda Butler's, is that correct Linda?
- Linda Butler, 2200 Devonshire: Yes, it is a friend of mine.
- Mr. Methven: Well thank you for bringing more of the kind of thing you've done into the neighborhood, it's a *real asset* to our neighborhood, thank you.
- Sal Martello, 1821 North Park Blvd: I agree, it is a real asset to the neighborhood. Linda Butler's house is a beautiful house, a great addition. And I think we are very shortsighted if we don't realize that if we have limitations on what we can do with our houses, the value goes down, not up. I don't see that as a positive thing. I am very concerned about this. I am very passionate about it, as you can see. And I am very worried that we can be so short sighted to not understand that if we have limitations to what we're able to do with our- I mean the reason that we live in this neighborhood is because we all realize how lucky we are, how beautiful our homes are. We've done this without anybody telling us that we can or can't do anything. We've done this with no one helping us. We don't really need this. I don't see any reason for it. It came as a shock to us, and I'm very concerned about it. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to tell you this.
- Ivan Schwarz, 2239 Harcourt: I'm just speaking as somebody that has lived here for 13 years in this neighborhood, almost, and our property value has barely gone up as it is, and it's hard enough to sell if someone decides to move, and the fact that Cleveland Heights charges us these exorbitant taxes, we get nothing for it, we accept that. I mean, I can't speak for everybody. I accept it as somebody who lives in the neighborhood that I'm not getting anything. When we tried to do our retaining wall, the City was anything but helpful. And we have people behind us that can do whatever they want with their properties and the city couldn't care less. So why you're worried and trying to prevent people in nice neighborhoods, and limiting their ability to raise all our property values. I just see this as, if somebody wants to build something nicer and better, it just raises all boats. So why Cleveland Heights continues to be short sighted and then cut the legs off of our community. It's not surprising to me, but I've never come to one of these meetings. But we've got to stop. We have to start looking to the future instead of the past.

If the house is worth tearing down, and somebody could raise the values for our community, then that's what we should be supporting. And if somebody has a complaint, I don't mind things going through review, but we have to help raise our property values. I've lived there for 13 years and we're going to sell our house for almost as much as we paid for it, and we put a lot of money into that house. We know going into it that we're going to put in a ton of money because we want that quality of life, but we need to be forward thinking because we keep making decisions that just hold us back.

- Jack Nester, 1815 North Park Blvd: Would like to hear Commission explain value of this to property owners
- Ms. Adams: Concern in inner ring suburbs especially- areas in Bay Village, along lake, in Lakewood, demo and rebuilding has happened, drastic change in neighborhoods. Lose why people move to Cleveland Heights. That area in particular, because of proximity and value, is an area where redevelopment is potentially going to happen and has happened.
- Ms. Lann: Community sense of what's important, local designation would protect architectural character of what is there now. If that is not of value to the district, then it wouldn't provide value. High quality of building materials and architecture- cannot replicate what is there now. Green building movement- ways to retrofit existing house to be green. Every time historic house is torn down it takes 50-80 years to recuperate its lost embodied energy. Behooves all to be sustainable.
- Mr. Martello: Having a house 100 years old, the cost of restoring too high, and the average person does not have that kind of money. Houses are becoming dinosaurs and no one has the money to put in, going to have to sell for a lot more money in the long run anyway. Not sure what we're trying to save.
- Ms. Lann: That is the point and why we look for 51% approval. Community dictates that value.
- Laura Ospanik & Steve Robbins, 2012 Denton: My wife and I are the people who made the offer on that house. We had go-ahead from the city. Went through process and informed staff. Made offer on house, budgeted \$7 mil to build accessible contemporary house, 5 days later imposed this issue. This is a solution to a problem that doesn't exist. Been there 12 years, one demo in past, Linda Butler's phenomenal house. Not what they wanted, stabbed in the back, lawyer costs involved, disappointment because they can't build their dream house.
- Unidentified man: Why can't you rip down the present home you have and build that?
- Ms. Ospanik: Because we wouldn't be allowed to do that either, and our home we already put up for \$1 million.
- Mr. Robbins: This is a house that needs all new windows, the floors are not level. We're not talking about a house that is special.
- Ms. Ospanik: I think we deserve a response to be honest.
- Ms. Hamley O'Donnell: The Landmark Commission was given this authority, and I reported to them that someone was interested in demolishing a house.
- Ms. Ospanik: Why? It wasn't a landmarked property. It wasn't being considered as a landmarked property.
- Ms. Adams: When we have Commission meetings, we actually have moments in the staff report for information and updates on development that is happening in the community, any activities that have anything to do with preservation or the built environment in our community. It is not unusual that

something like a demolition might come forward. We've had conversations about demolitions that have happened in the past--when they're happening, when they're planned.

- Ms. Ospanik: Acted without any discussion, whatever was passed was not on any agenda before. It was a 55-minute-long meeting where the majority was discussing the Garfield Monument. Maybe you had 2 minutes at the end to say, "Yes, let's do this." You could not have vetted this.
- Ms. Adams: We have been discussing throughout the Landmark legislation changes that have happened that this is something that we would be looking towards.
- Mr. Robbins: If you would have told us ahead of time, we never would have gone through with it.
- Unidentified woman: I think what you're saying is you do regard the Commission as having the authority to have created the district and put the 12-month hold, by virtue of the action you took in June, at a meeting where there was no notice, no opportunity. I think there's a real question in my mind, is the legislation intended to permit you to affect a private property with absolutely no due process? Because if that's the position you're taking, I think your scheme is unconstitutional. And I think there's a fundamental problem with how you're proceeding.
- Ms. Adams: I will say that we recognize that the speed of this is a concern. We did not see this as an underhanded action, we see this as furtherance and continuance of what the Commission is charged to do. And this is a logical next step for us. The reason it went quicker is because of the imminent threat. What we're doing now, is a pause in the conversation about what this is, and then a moment to talk to and hear from the entire community that is affected. And then you vote. And you can vote no, we don't want this. Or you can vote yes. As an individual and a preservationist, I never want anything demolished unless it has been given thoughtful review.
- Unidentified woman: You're taking the position, as a city, that this property on Devonshire cannot be demolished without going through the process in this ordinance based on the action you took in June.
- Ms. Hamley O'Donnell: Yes. We discussed it with the Law Director and he was part of writing the ordinance that was passed earlier this year.
- Ms. Adams: We're also not saying that this needs to wait for a year, we're saying the community can vote soon.
- Unidentified man: Apropos that if the owners of a majority of parcels within a day sign the petitions that say, "We oppose," would that lift the one-year mandatory referral immediately?
- Ms. Hamley O'Donnell: That's a question I would have to check with our Law Director about. I actually have a meeting with him on Friday, so I'm happy to have that conversation with him.
- Julian Rogers, Representing CWRU: Where we're at right now in the process is that the residents need to vote in some way whether or not to designate Ambler Heights as a historic district?
- Ms. Hamley O'Donnell: Well, yes and no. We're getting to that point. His question (unidentified man) was if, as property owners, you can quickly petition one way or the other. I don't know the answer to that question; our Law Director can guide me on that.
- Mr. Martello: What would that process look like? Would you send a ballot to each resident in the mail? Or would we initiate our own?

- Ms. Hamley O'Donnell: Sitting over here are copies of a form that has been approved by our Law Director to say 'I consent' or 'I don't consent' with your address and signature. The process that I see going forward is that there would be a neighborhood meeting on July 31<sup>st</sup> that would not be that dissimilar from this. I had no idea how many people were going to show up to this. We had planned a meeting on July 31<sup>st</sup> and then, when we were getting comments from the neighbors, we decided to invite the neighbors to the regular Landmark Commission meeting that we already had scheduled today, which is why there was shorter notice- this was sort of, in my mind, an 'extra' meeting. And then we would have a meeting in a larger room, and sort of share these kinds of comments, maybe add some things based on the comments that we heard here, and then hand those forms out. They would be at the meeting, or we would mail it and you could send it back.
- Ms. Adams: My understanding is that it should be a form generated by city, signed by each property owner, and then returned to city.
- Mr. Rogers: If passed, who has the ultimate authority? Landmark or Planning?
- Ms. Hamley O'Donnell: Landmarks Commission makes recommendation to Planning Commission, which makes a recommendation back to Landmark Commission and they have the final authority.
- \*unidentified, muttered comment\*
- Mr. Souther: Very typical process nationwide, in places that have homes/other buildings worthy of preservation. Not just for homeowners, but for an entire community. I would respectfully disagree with that.
- David Honeycutt, 2114 Elandon: Lived there for 6 months. I've been through the ABR and got a fence put up. Restrictions that go along, as I understand the additional restrictions, would have stopped me from buying that property. And that property was vacant for something like 5 years. And we go through the inspection and the neighbor comes over and says, "You're not going to buy that, are you? All these things are wrong." We knew what we were biting off. But a big determinant was, will the City work with us to be able to do the things we need to do to get our money out and make the house what we want it to be and so on. And if I had an inkling that this drama was going to unfold, and now we're going to get restrictions like, "Can I paint the front door blue?", which we kind of wanted to do. If those kinds of restrictions were in place, we would not have invested in this house. And it would still be sitting vacant. It's not going to help property values to layer on a whole bunch of extra government. It's just not. So that's my humble opinion.
- Ms. Lann: The same things that go to ABR for currently, are basically the same things that this Commission would review. They could be done at the same time. You are producing one packet of information that two commissions look at, at the same time.
- Mr. Honeycutt: That seems crazy.
- Mr. Nester: It is two separate approvals, though.
- Ms. Lann: Yes
- Mr. Nester: What is the basis of your approval? I have a house that's not a typical Tudor. It was built in the 1950's and it's different looking. On what basis am I supposed to know how this Commission is or isn't going to approve what I want to do to my house?
- Ms. Lann: The local Landmark for the City of Cleveland that I've sat on provides a standard packet of information with guidelines based on what era of house, what types of materials and things would be approved what you'd be looking at. And in general, most Landmark Commissions use the Secretary

of Interior Standards from the National Park Service as their guidelines for review.

- Mr. Souther: This is not just a Cleveland Heights thing that's been cooked up locally; this is something that's been going on now for decades around the country in big cities, small cities, suburbs. This is not the first time this has happened somewhere.
- Ms. Adams: I will also say that the concern of the extra layer of review is something that's motivating a lot of concern, and as Kara has said, the only thing we've ever denied is the demolition of the Painter Mansion on the Beaumont property. And even that happened before the change in the legislation, which means that our denial has no effect whatsoever. But even with the current legislation, that means a 4-month delay and there's nothing else that can be done. The goal is to have a discussion where we can bring in experts and community members to really talk about what is going to happen and if there are ways that we can have a different outcome that works for everybody. When we're looking at Landmark houses that come to us, we've had building and rebuilding of retaining walls, we've had window replacements that happened not too far from your neighborhood in a pretty substantial house. We've had lots of things come before us. We've always worked with the homeowners. And our goal is to share as much info as possible so that changes that are made are made in keeping with the architectural integrity of the building. But our goal is not to stop you from doing anything, our goal is not to stop you from modernizing or changing the interior of your house, none of that. Our goal is to work with you to find the best solution possible. And we become a resource for homeowners.
- Unidentified man: The house that you're speaking of is on North Park, I know which house you're talking about.
- Ms. Adams: Which one?
- Unidentified man: The one that's on the market, the French Colonial...
- Ms. Adams: That's not the one I'm referring to.
- Unidentified man: So that's not in a historic district. They clearly replaced all the windows with vinyl windows.
- Ms. Hamley O'Donnell: That's in the Shaker Farm National Register Historic District.
- Ms. Adams: There are no local historic districts right now.
- Unidentified man: So by putting us in a local historic district, where we couldn't make changes to the home without the approval of the Landmark Commission. If I want to replace my wood windows with vinyl windows, more than likely, the Landmark Commission would say, "You're disrupting the historical nature of that home."
- Ms. Adams: We would say that but we can't stop you from doing it.
- Ms. Ospanik: But could you delay it?
- \*multiple people talking at once\*
- Mr. Goldberg: We would discuss actions, we wouldn't just deny it outright.
- Mr. Schwarz: Can't we just govern our own neighborhood? Do any of you live in our neighborhood?
- Halley Moore, 2235 Harcourt: Even if you say that you'll work with us on it, that doesn't guarantee that you will. Because you guys are the current members of the Landmark Commission. Who knows who's going to come down the road.
- Ms. Butler: I would ask you to have somebody go downstairs and make duplicates of the voting form for this evening, so that those of us who are

here can vote. And from what I've heard in the neighborhood so far- and when I asked, "How do you feel about what you got in the mail?", consistently people are saying, "We do not like this." And I can almost guarantee that there will be 60 people that say no. And they can say it today. Well, we don't have enough people here to say it. But we are very hot about what has happened.

- Ms. Adams: And that is part of the process, is this voting.
- Ms. Hamley O'Donnell: I have about 20 copies there and I don't know how many people are coupled, because it's one vote per property. I'm happy to take those from people who want to sign them. And what I can do is upload them to the City's website.
- Ms. Robbins: But Kara, have you been listening to what people are saying?
- Ms. Hamley O'Donnell: I absolutely get the feeling and I have a feeling that I know how this is going to go. We have a process that's underway and so I will be happy to have one owner of each property give me a form. And again, I meet with the Law Director on Friday, and I'm happy to mail them out on Friday if that's okay with him. I think if we get back 51% of people saying 'no', and I have a feeling that's what we're going to get, then the Landmark Commission will have to take action to stop what they've been doing.
- Mr. Honeycutt: One of the concerns that I have is that it appeared a lot of people in the neighborhood didn't get the letter. A lot of people heard from a copy that was shared via email.
- Ms. Hamley O'Donnell: We use the county's system for doing that so it should've sent one to every property owner. But I can perhaps also send to 'occupant at'.
- Ms. Adams: I see that Ms. Lann has to step out, do you have any comments?
- Ms. Lann: No
- Mr. Nester: Before you leave, if you're very serious about this, you should rewind. I don't think you're going to get the votes anyway, but I am a little bit sympathetic to what the Commission is trying to do. It is a very cool neighborhood. It is very unique. This process was badly handled. An apology and a rewind, if you're serious about this, and explaining the details here. I'm hearing things that did not come through in that letter. Like, if an owner wants to do something, the Commission says no, the owner can still do it, after going through a process. I don't know if I heard that correctly. But if you're serious about it, I would sit down, rewind, and think about re-approaching people about this.
- Ms. Adams: We acknowledge that the process went faster than normal. And one of our concerns was the imminent threat that we saw. So that's what we're responding to.
- Ms. Ospanik: Would you stop saying threat? That is absolutely insulting.
- Ms. Adams: I am telling you, that from what our charge is, demolition is a threat to the building stock of our community.
- Unidentified man: But its under existing law, you can't declare martial law because you've suddenly perceived a threat. The existing legal framework didn't involve any due process.

Margaret Lann leaves at 6:33 p.m.

- Laura Tartakoff, 2228 Elandon: My husband and I have owned property in historic districts in Coral Gables, Florida and in Cambridge, Massachusetts. What's going on here, given our previous experiences, seems to me to be

sloppy. Not to be thoughtful enough. And just now, last minute, vote right away, now? I think again, there's a lack of serious care, going slowly and attentively. I think the process will improve if you will be more attentive. I have a law degree from CWRU and I teach Case Western pre-law classes. I think your Commission, with all due respect, has to go more slowly, more carefully. This was not Coral Gables in our experience, or Cambridge, Massachusetts. I hope, because I love Ambler Heights very much, that you can improve the process.

- Ms. Adams: That's something we can acknowledge for sure.
- Brenda O'Reilly, 2219 Devonshire: I was very offended by what you said about Bay Village. This perceived threat and what they've done in Bay- well, they've taken these little cottages that were falling down and made absolutely gorgeous homes along the entire lake. I lived there for 25 years. It improves the property value. I sold my house in Bay Village 4 years ago and I made a fair amount of money on it. The property values are going up. The school system's great, I know that doesn't have anything to do with the city, but I really took offense when you said that. I don't think that's a good example of what we're trying to avoid.
- Unidentified man: Well its progress, and we're against that in Cleveland Heights.
- Ms. Adams: So, what I'm going to suggest for the next steps for this... We do have that planned public meeting. Ms. Hamley O'Donnell needs to talk to the Law Director to determine the speed at which receiving the votes would impact the process.
- Unidentified man: Was this the group that voted this in?
- Ms. Hamley O'Donnell: Yes
- Unidentified man: Then you're the group that can vote this out. You can rescind this. If you chose to.
- Ms. Adams: We could if we chose to.
- Ms. Moore: So the freeze on any repairs...
- Ms. Adams: There's no freeze on repairs. Anything that you're doing with repairs, you would be going to ABR, depending on what it is.
- Ms. Moore: So right now, if my columns fall down on my front steps.
- Ms. Hamley O'Donnell: Any repair, any maintenance, that's permitted.
- Ms. Moore: If I wanted to change the color of my house, instead of classic white, daffodil yellow, would that be a problem? But one of the things I like about living in a freestanding house is that we can make our decisions about our house. And for that reason I don't miss living in a condo in NYC. And this feels a lot like a condo board meeting in NYC. Just that there are lots of constraints, and people are going to have long arguments and there's going to be a lot of meetings and meetings and meetings. And I know that you guys said that you could have Landmark Commission meetings scheduled every two months. But that, to me, sounds like a really long time. You said that you do special meetings, but that's not how the ordinance is written. I keep coming back to how it's written.
- Ms. Hamley O'Donnell: The ordinance has been written that way for a very long time and the practice of the Commission, and perhaps you would feel better if the ordinance was worded differently...
- Ms. Moore: I would feel better about that.
- Ms. Hamley O'Donnell: The practice, for decades has been as-needed special meetings to expedite reviews because we want to work with people. Some things they can delegate to me. They may permit me to approve paint colors.



Some communities, Shaker has a palette you can use and as long as you're in this palette. I would not anticipate, having been through the neighborhood many times, that someone's going to want to paint their house pink, but, Ms. Lann was talking about your values- maybe you don't care and you want to paint your house pink, or you don't care if you have to look across the street and your neighbor's house is pink. Maybe that's fine. But we would work with the Commission and, my guess is for things that are more minor like that, they would delegate to staff to expedite.

- Unidentified man: You said you couldn't stop it anyway, so if she wanted to paint it pink, after 4 months-
- Ms. Hamley-O'Donnell: That's for demolition.
- Mr. Martello: Let's assume that they (Ospanik & Robbins) proceeded with doing what they wanted to do. Are you basically saying that you can't stop them and they could proceed?
- Ms. Hamley-O'Donnell: Yes.
- Mr. Martello: You're saying they could proceed? Because the potential of losing a lot of money here is on the table. They don't even know how to proceed. I don't mean to speak for them, but when we go to dinner tonight I want to be able to say they answered this question for me. And the question is, can they proceed with this deal?
- Ms. Hamley-O'Donnell: What they can do is submit an application, and I've outlined-
- Ms. Ospanik: It's a year process.
- Ms. Hamley-O'Donnell: No-
- Mr. Martello: Let's hear what she says
- Ms. Hamley-O'Donnell: She could apply tomorrow for a demolition permit and then that would come before the Landmark Commission and they would vote yay or nay. Let's say they vote yes--they can tear it down tomorrow. If they vote no, she has to wait 4 months, and then she can still do it.
- \*multiple people talking\*
- Ms. Ospanik: I don't trust what she says, I trust what I read.
- Unidentified man: It says after 4 months they can proceed if there is not alternative to demolition. You can always argue there's an alternative to demolition which is non-demolition.
- Ms. Hamley O'Donnell: The intent of City Council, and of the Commission, when they directed us with this ordinance, was that they would wait 4 months, and then demolition could occur.
- Ms. Butler: The other alternative, is that more than 50% of the people vote not to have this happen, in which case, they could demolish it as soon as you count the votes.
- Ms. Hamley O'Donnell: Well no, the Landmark Commission would have to rescind it. But they would be directed to. I have to check with our Law Director to give me a little guidance on that, but my sense is that if it were the majority, that the Commission would understand that there is no path forward to continue this.
- Unidentified man: Just so we're clear, as of right now, the Landmark Commission has the requirement to review any changes we make to the outside of our home, alterations, additions, new construction that require the Landmark Commission approval until such time as this whole matter is resolved we are all frozen, unless you then bless whatever it is we want to do.

- Ms. Hamley O'Donnell: Certain things don't have to go to the landmark Commission as we discussed. But if you wanted to put an addition on your house, it would have to go to Landmark Commission and the ABR.
- Unidentified woman: And just to clarify, I think there was confusion in the conversation earlier, where the implication was that the same things that require Landmark review require ABR review, and I don't think that's correct. This is way broader in scope.
- Ms. Hamley-O'Donnell: The larger things, like additions, changing the roof materials, would go to ABR and the Landmark Commission. The ABR would not get into something like paint color.
- Ms. Moore: And the ABR is more interested in what's going on in the front of your house, right?
- Ms. Hamley-O'Donnell: The ABR reviews everything whether it's on the front, side, or back of your house. If you do a garage, they review that.
- Ms. Adams: My understanding for next steps from where we sit now, is that Ms. Hamley O'Donnell is meeting with the Law Director and on Friday you will have clarity on whether we receive 51% of the votes, yes or no, how quickly then the permit referral is rescinded.
- Unidentified man: Can you communicate whatever you hear from the Law Director to us?
- Unidentified woman: We have a neighborhood email. (amblerheights@gmail.com)
- Margaret Toutros: I hope going forward, if you need to communicate with another historic district, your first communication should not be letter saying you've been frozen.
- Unidentified woman: You should also remember that we love our houses and we love our neighborhood. We do want to preserve our neighborhood, and keep the property values going up, keep it beautiful. That is our ultimate goal. And we've been doing a good job, I think, over the years.
- Ms. Adams: End this part of meeting, 5-minute recess.

Public & Ms. Dunbar leave meeting

#### Landmark Updates

- Ms. Hamley O'Donnell: We got CLG status so quickly in order for Medusa to get in application for tax credits, which they received. Highest in Northeast Ohio, \$1.2 million. Because it is a landmark, future changes will go through Commission. Unclear about groundbreaking timeline.

#### Preservation Activities & Lectures

- Ms. Adams: Lectures set for fall
  - Cluster Genealogy with Dr. Deborah A. Abbott  
Tues, Sep 24 at 6 pm
  - Planning Your Rehab Project - Cleveland Restoration Society  
Tues, Oct 15 at 7 pm
  - Cuyahoga County Archives Speaker: Dr. Judith G. Cetina, County Archivist  
Tues, Oct 29 at 7 pm

Development Updates

- Ms. Adams: Asked Ms. Hamley O'Donnell about the RFP for Severance Center, noting the original barns are still on the property, owned by school district
- Ms. Hamley O'Donnell said they are not in the footprint of the RFP.

Encyclopedia of Cleveland History

- Mr. Souther: Possibly of interest- *Encyclopedia of Cleveland History* event (at Cleveland Public Library Downtown on July 11<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30pm in the photo collection area) to discuss updating encyclopedia and research/writing entries. Suggestion to think about possible entries in Cleveland Heights. Euclid Heights is currently not included; Wade Park Allotment entry is currently being written. Some current entries might need to be updated or improved.
- Mr. Edmonson said that he will circulate event announcement.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned their meeting at 7:52 p.m. The next regular meeting date will be Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room at City Hall, 40 Severance Circle. [Meeting time and location may be subject to change due to Architectural Board of Review agenda.]

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

  
 Kara Hamley O'Donnell, Secretary

  
 Mazie Adams, Chair

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