

**CITY OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS  
LANDMARK COMMISSION**

40 Severance Circle  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118

Minutes for the regular meeting of  
November 6, 2018

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At 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, a regular meeting of the Landmark Commission was held in Executive Conference Room and Council Chambers of City Hall, 40 Severance Circle.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mazie Adams  
Ken Goldberg  
Marjorie Kitchell  
Margaret Lann  
Mark Souther  
Tom Veider

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jim Edmonson

**STAFF PRESENT**

Kara Hamley O'Donnell, City Planner II

**COUNCIL PRESENT**

Mary Dunbar

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Ed Kelley, Motorcars representative  
Alan Rapoport, Motorcars representative  
Marissa Agbunag, Ursuline College student  
Polly Lynam Bloom, Ursuline College student  
Jared Hyams, Ursuline College student  
Jamie Miles, Ursuline College student  
Rachel Stucke, Ursuline College student  
Elizabeth Weber, Ursuline College student  
Sunni Wong, Ursuline College student

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 7, 2018 MEETING**

Not presented.

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2018 MEETING**

Approved.

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2018 MEETING**

Approved.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Potential Landmarks**

#### City Hall remnant

- Mr. Souther recalled that there were positive things said about it. This is not an encouragement to have more facadism.
- Mr. Goldberg shows there is historic merit that they kept this piece of the building.
- Mr. Rapoport has requested to get the lights that were previously on this building and are now on the Noble Road Police Academy. They don't look bad where they are on the Police Academy. He wishes they would be returned to the original City Hall site.
- Mr. Goldberg said they could be displayed somewhere as an alternative. He felt there were too many light fixtures on the former Noble Road fire house.
- Ms. Lann missed the nomination meeting. Is the purpose to protect that part of the building and to protect it from being altered? Could it be accompanied by some easement? Landmark listing is an honorific at the moment.
- Mr. Souther responded that this is to protect the original facade.
- Ms. Lann said, if there was an easement, the title would say that changes could not be made to the entrance and provide another layer of protection.
- Mr. Goldberg felt the original style of windows should be returned.
- Ms. Adams said that the Landmark Commission's goal is to preserve the building and recommending adding an easement.
- Ms. Lann stated that it's not a fully intact façade. We don't want to designate other partial facades.
- Mr. Rapoport believed this will help them defend and protect the façade. He would be glad to look into an easement and advise his client about it. By history, the benefit of having it there is that it has a certain kind of style or memory; it has the names of people who were on City Council at the time. Mr. Rapoport said this was the second city hall.
- Ms. Adams made a motion to approve with additional recommendation that City consider sharing the lights with Motorcars and document that those fire station lights were part of the original City Hall and recommend Motorcars study implementing a preservation easement. Ms. Lann seconded and it passed, 5-0.

### **Landmark property update**

#### Christ our Redeemer AME

- Ms. Adams said there has not been a lot of progress and there is concern that some siding has been removed and is still open which could cause structural damage. Weather is changing and wet and concerned it's not weather-tight.
- Ms. Hamley O'Donnell will call the pastor and touch base with Housing Inspections.

### **Fall lectures**

- Ms. Adams reported that we had our series of lectures and tours once again. Bike tour had about 12 people with rainy conditions and Councilwoman Dunbar said she plans to do a tour of the City's north side in the spring. The lecture on maintenance had about 20 people at the Lee Road branch and 15 at the Noble branch.

### **Development Updates**

- Ms. Hamley O'Donnell gave an update on the Top of the Hill development.

- Mr. Souther said there are opportunities with modern architecture to make visual nods to the past without doing Disneyland-like architecture. He suggested big glass facades with etching or modern half timbering.
- Commission members said they would like to see the drawings and Ms. Hamley O'Donnell said she would share the link to the drawings with them.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Landmark alteration review**

- Commission members reviewed the proposed cellular antennas at Church of the Saviour, St. Paul's Church and the Braverman-Brantley Building. The applicant was not present. The Commission agreed the submission was insufficient and they need larger version of the drawings. The Braverman-Brantley antennas should not be visible from the front and the sidewalk and across the street. None should be visible. Overall, the antennas need to be hidden better and clearer digital images of the photo simulations need to be provided. The Landmark Commission and ABR should meet jointly in January to review these proposals.


### **Ursuline College**

- Ursuline College graduate students in Preservation Planning class presented what their class had worked on this semester. Ms. Hamley O'Donnell was their professor and they learned about preservation planning, surveyed the Randolph neighborhood, researched five homes each, created a presentation and presented it to the neighbors and other interested parties last night at the Noble Library. Neighbors were supportive and had good suggestions to improve their neighborhood.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned their meeting at 7:04 p.m. The next regular meeting date will be Thursday, January 3, 2019, at 6:00 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,

  
Kara Hamley O'Donnell, Secretary

Approved,

  
Mazie Adams, Chair

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