

April 25, 2016

**LANDMARK AND HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES**

The Landmark and Historic District Commission (LHDC) of the City of Florissant met at the Florissant City Hall on Monday April 25, 2016 in the 2nd floor conference room at 6:30 p.m., with Kent Miller presiding.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

No introductions necessary

ROLL CALL

On roll call the following members were present: Kent Miller, Dan Call, Patty Sosa and Steve Frank; Kristen Keil came in at 6:35. Also in attendance were Dianne Lehmann, Recording Clerk and Philip Lum, Building Commissioner. A quorum being present, the Chair declared the Landmark and Historic District Commission (LHDC) was in session for the transaction of business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dan Call to accept the minutes as submitted. Motion was seconded by Christine Kiel all approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Discuss the State Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony April 21, 2016.

We had a discussion about the attendance for the ceremony. Phil Lum, Dianne Lehmann, Kerry Luster and wife, Don Golaszewski, Christine Keil. Patty Sosa, Dan Call, and Gerard Henke, councilman were all in attendance. The commission received accommodations from Keith English and Gina Walsh as well as the McReynolds Award. The commission discussed the other awards given and how our award was unique and that most of the awards involved building renovations of sort. Everyone agreed that the ceremony was wonderful and it was quite an honor to be recognized by our peers. We will place the 3 plaques somewhere visible for all Florissant residents.

- **Discuss options for airing the Florissant's Historic Treasures Show.**

Phil reminded everyone that it was a part of the grant to be on You- tube, facebook and our cable channel. It has just been set up to air on You- tube and will be available on facebook and the Florissant website in the next day or so. Kerry will give us a schedule for airing on the cable channel when it is complete. Dianne said that Kerry would have the premier show on cable in May and the individual shows on after that. Chris said she would blast the facebook coverage to all of her contacts. Kent asked if the airing would be announced in the Florissant focus and Phil said Kerry was writing the article. This information will not be in the Valley of Flower edition but in the June edition of the Focus

- **Discuss the upcoming State Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony April 21, 2016.**

- **Brainstorm about ideas for the 2016 Grant**

Kent asked if anyone had any made any progress on the idea about the Spanish Land Grant Park idea and the art exhibit. Kent said he spoke to Meiko Tellez who runs the digital imaging department at Florissant Valley Community College. She said she has had contests within the campus and the students have been most excited to participate in any project that gets them recognition of their work. She felt very strongly that a contest offered by the City of Florissant would be well received by the students as long as the cost was not prohibitive.

Patty asked if we did not discuss some other grant ideas? Chris said that we did discuss the idea of having Bill Hart, Missouri Preservation officer, give the residents and different historic groups information and guidance on historic tax credits and how to obtain them. Dianne said she knows he charges money she thought \$400.00, Phil corrected her and said she said it cost \$500.00 at the conference. All agreed that to have him speak would be a very worthy investment and would be beneficial to both residents and business owners alike. Patty said perhaps Old Town Partner could help offset the cost.

Dianne said when she talked to Bill Hart he said with historic tax credits you can get up to 45% of your preservation money back. Tiger Lilly was another company that was very knowledgeable about tax credits and Patty Maher, owner of Tiger Lilly, and Bill Hart worked together on a lot of seminars. Everyone agreed this would be really beneficial for everyone.

Kent asked how involved getting money from SHPO would be. Phil said that a grant application is only part of the process. You have to do a lot of recording and do some matching funds. Kent said maybe we could charge admission. Kent asked about the selling of the videos and what we did with the money we made. Dianne told him that proceeds from the videos went back into general funds since they paid for the duplication process. Kent asked if someone would contact Bill and Patty to see what their speaking fee would be. Patty Sosa said she would contact them.

• **2016 Missouri CLG Forum Friday May 13, 2016**

Christine Kiel said she is still trying to get off but want to attend the conference. Patty Sosa said no way because thats right after Mother's Day weekend. Dan Call said he would attend. Phil said he sent an email to everyone. Steve Frank asked about reservations and Dianne explained that we would carpool and the City would take care of the reservations.

NEW BUSINESS

Kent asked if we had any new business to discuss. Dianne said she wanted to see if anyone was interested in Alan Mueller's services to complete the historic inventories. We have not got a full historic inventory on all of the historic properties. Phil reminded everyone that we still don't have a historic inventory on Sacred Heart Church. That was the last one Alan was working on when we ran out of money. There are sure to be additional properties. Dan asked what was involved and Phil said that he examines each property and writes a narrative on the property. Chris asked if we could apply for multiple grant and Phil said we could. Phil said we can always apply for all 3 grants and see what one we get. Chris asked what the time frame was. Dianne explained that they almost always have a grant available.

Steve Frank asked about the Meyers house and if we knew what was happening. Phil said last he heard he was looking for someone to open a restaurant at the Barn. Steve questioned the sign in front saying that it looks like the whole building is for sale. Phil said Mr Turner did speak with him about living at the property but that would require lots of plumbing. Dianne said that this property would be eligible for a historic tax credit most defiantly. Steve said he talked to the guy who used to run Dirty Nelly's the other day. Everyone laughed.

MICELLANEOUS BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS / COMMENTS

Kent Miller asked if there was any further business. Being no further business Kent Miller stated he would entertain a motion to adjourn. Steve Frank made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Patty Sosa, All members concurred. Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. GO BLUES!

Respectfully submitted:

Dianne Lehmann Recording Clerk