

CITY OF FLORISSANT



JULY 26, 2021

LANDMARK AND HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MINUTES

The Landmark and Historic District Commission (LHDC) of the City of Florissant met in the second-floor conference room on Monday July 26, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Commission members introduced themselves along with staff members, Phil Lum, Building Commissioner, Dianne Lehmann, recording clerk, Kent Miller, Chair, Christine Keil-commission member, Steve Frank- commission member, Steve Siebe- commission member, Gary Meyer-commission member arrived at 6:20.

ROLL CALL

Kent Miller, Steve Frank, Steve Siebe and Christine Keil were in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM. Gary Meyer, joined at 6:20

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Steve Siebe to accept the minutes as submitted. Seconded by Chris Keil. Minutes approved

OLD BUSINESS

Item 1 Election of Officers

Phil reminded everyone on the commission that code requires a chair and a vice chair. The chair should only be chair for 3 terms of 2 years. Kent requested nominations for the new chair. Steve Siebe nominated Chris Keil, seconded by Steve Frank. All voted in favor of Chris being the new Chair. Steve Siebe nominated Kent Miller vice chair, seconded by Chris Keil. All voted in favor of Kent Miller being vice chair.

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At this time the chair position was turned over to Chris Keil.

- Item 2 Discuss contacting new owners of Historic properties.**
- Review list of possible landmark properties.**
- Review letter to send to possible landmark properties**

Kent made a motion to table this item until the meeting in August. Seconded by Steve Siebe all voted to table Item 2.

NEW BUSINESS

- Item 1 Request to review a Site Development Plan located at 1171 St Michael St to allow for the development of a new church. Property currently has a historic resource, the house adjacent to St Michael St. commonly known as the Bernadine Wesling House.**

Phil Lum introduced David & Jennifer McCurrach, new owners of the property located at 1171 St. Michael. They have applied to Planning & Zoning for approval of the construction of a new Church, Hope Fellowship Church, which requires a site development plan. David and Jennifer intend on leaving the small historic house, commonly known as the Wesling House, where it is and any repairs to the house will be done in the period in which it was built. The new church will be built in the 1890’s period as well, modeling it after St. Marks Church.

The McCurrach expressed they are very aware of the historic significance of the property and the little farm house and are very committed to the preservation of the house. At this time they presented plans for the construction of the new Church and all had a chance to review and ask questions. David explained the interior of the home was in excellent condition other than the bathroom that is in an addition that could be torn off if need be. He also informed the commission that they have appropriated \$20,000.00 for stabilization of the small farm house.

The McCurrach informed LHDC that they would be installing a small path way from the parking lot of the Church to Little Woods Park on Parker Road. Dianne Lehmann asked if the petitioners would be interested in designating the small farm house as a Landmark. They replied that at this time they wanted to wait until renovations had been completed before designating. They said they had problems in the past with another historic property and are a little gun shy. Steve Siebe informed them that LHDC was limited to exterior changes and are here to support and help all residents with any historic information needed.

Kent Miller made a motion and it was seconded by Steve Seibe and LHDC unanimously agreed giving their approval to David & Jennifer McCurrach’s construction plans for a new Church located at 1171 St Michael leaving the small farm house on the South side of St Michael as a building that will remain. LHDC

89 heard the proposed concept and voted to make recommendations to P&Z that
90 include the design of the site at 1171 St Michael St to be in concept with the
91 1890's, in similar design of the church to reflect design of churches in that 1890's
92 era.

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94 LHDC will inform Planning & Zoning they support the plan submitted. Church
95 and restoration of the little farm house should be completed in the historic manor
96 of a building built in the late 1800's.

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102 **Item 2 Request for approval of a COA for the addition of a black 6' wrought iron**
103 **fence along the west side yard of the property located at 690 rue St. Francois,**
104 **commonly known as the Dooley House, submitted by Patty Sosa.**

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106 Patty Sosa turned her building permit and COA application off early to City Hall
107 and asked that it be reviewed by LHDC. She is asking for approval for a COA to
108 install a 6' wrought iron fence along the west side of the side yard and a gate in the
109 front between the two existing wrought iron fences. Gary Meyer made a motion to
110 approve the application for a COA to install the 6' wrought iron fence on the west
111 side of the yard and install a wrought iron gate at the front of property. All fencing
112 and gate are to match existing. Seconded by Steve Frank. All approved and COA
113 was issued.

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119 **Item 3 Request for approval of a COA for mechanical equipment screening at 1 rue**
120 **St. Ferdinand, commonly known as Old St. Ferdinand Shrine. Area to**
121 **screen is 8' by 32' made of wood 6' tall. Area will have a locking gate to**
122 **prevent theft.**

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124 At this time Steve Geittimier was asked to join the meeting. He explained that
125 recently The Shrine has experienced some thefts and are wanting to prevent any
126 additional thefts by inclosing and screening the new mechanical equipment.
127 Screening to be made of wood 1x6 planks with 3/4 spacing panels 6 feet high
128 painted a dull dark green to blend in with the landscaping. The screening
129 enclosure will be 8' by 32'. Steve Frank asked if the building commissioner could
130 see any reason why this COA should be granted. Phil explained that an exterior
131 building was not a structure that was period to the building but could be approved.
132 Phil asked Steve Gettemier if this would be a permanent structure or a temporary
133 structure. Steve said he would be building this as a permanent structure. Gary
134 Meyer thought that we should limit how long we allow the structure to remain. It
135 was decided 20 years this structure should be reviewed.

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A motion was made by Kent Miller, seconded by Gary Meyer, to grant a COA for a period of 20 years to Old St Ferdinand Shrine to build a wood screening enclosure 8' by 32'. Wood will be 1x6 planks with 3/4 spacing painted dark dull green. A vote was had and all agreed to grant the COA.

Item 4 Request for approval of a COA for window replacements at 621 rue St. Francois, commonly known as Old City Hall.

Peggy Hogan, Director of the Senior Office, is requesting a COA for the replacement of windows for the building located at 621 rue St. Francois. Phil explained that the building was built in several stages and different years. The front of the building would have had original wood windows the middle of the building built in the 50's has metal windows. The request was tabled until further information and a formal request could be submitted. Phil said he would meet with the Director of Seniors and help with a plan for the new windows.

Item 5 Establish published dates for LHDC meeting for the 2022 City Calendar

A motion was made by Kent Miller to establish the 2022 dates for LHDC as the fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M. in the second-floor conference room. Motion was seconded by Steve Frank and approved by all.

Miscellaneous Business

None

Announcements / Comments

No new business no announcements

Gary Meyer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by seconded by Kent Miller Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Dianne Lehmann Recording Clerk