

## MINUTES OF THE LANDMARKS BOARD

**DATE:** February 3, 2016

**TIME:** 5:30pm

The regular meeting and public hearing of the Landmarks Board was held on the above date and time City Council Chambers, third floor of Historic City Hall with the following members and City of Springfield staff in attendance: Gary Bishop, (Chair) Nancy Crandall (Vice-Chair), Kent Brown, David Eslick, Paden Chambers, Len Eagleburger, and Justin Stanek. Absent: None Staff members: Michael Sparlin, Senior Planner and Duke McDonald, Assistant City Attorney.

### **ROLL CALL:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of January 6, 2016 were approved unanimously.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Certificate of Appropriateness: None

Certified Local Government Review: Timmons Temple is being reviewed.

Pre-Application Review: None

Walnut Street Historic District Letter and Identification Signage:

Mr. Sparlin went through a brief history of the historic district signage on the east side of National and stated that the board wants to send out a letter to the residents notifying that they live within the historic district and also let them know about March 3rd meeting regarding the ideas for the signage.

Eric Claussen, Public Works Traffic Engineer and Martin Gugel, Public Works Assistant Director both spoke.

Mr. Claussen stated that they have put street name signs in other historic district areas and are aware of the request for designation, however they need to be careful of what is put in the right-of-way.

Mr. Gugel stated that Public Works needs to remain consistent and has been using the street name signs with the brown color with a logo/marker. Public Works has to look at regulatory warning and informational signs and balance out without getting sign clutter.

Mr. Eslick noted that residents on the west side of National were wanting a sign like the size of the Historic Walnut Street sign designating that they are in the Historic Walnut Street East, etc.

Mr. Gugel stated that Public Works needs to remain consistent with the different districts, however they have placed a sign on the traffic signal at Kimbrough and Walnut, and may be able to do the same thing at National and Walnut, but cannot put a sign at Walnut and Glenstone because it belongs to MoDOT. Property owners can have signs placed behind the right-of-way on their property if they want.

Mr. Sparlin suggested that the Board draft a letter to the residents inviting them to the March 3, 2016 meeting.

Mr. Eslick stated that he would draft a letter that can be sent out to the residents.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Certificate of appropriateness:

**1041 E. Walnut:** Judy Cline, 1041 E. Walnut, Child Advocacy Center would like to replace soffit, fascia and install new gutters, replace dormer soffit, fascia, and replace dormer siding and remove the 6 inch crown molding behind existing gutters and cut small portion of roof deck and single to allow secure attachment of gutters.

Mr. Brown asked about the roof line above the crown molding and was told that they are shortening the roof by one shingle tab.

Mr. Eslick asked if the architectural crown molding was the original on the house.

Mr. Paden stated that the guttering was obviously not original with the house and stated that it was a safety issue from leaks and ice buildup and that the building needs guttering.

Mr. Bishop closed the public meeting.

Motion from David Eslick with a statement that the current guttering is a safety factor and seconded from Paden Chambers. The motion carried as follows: Unanimously. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None

**1033 E. Walnut:** Tim Harris, 505 N. Glenstone Avenue, Pinnacle Sign Group are wanting to update the monument sign out front and put two wall signs (front and back of the building). The monument masonry sign matches the brick of the house as well as the accent molding and proposes a wall sign on the front of the building and one for the back and wants to improve the lighting for the front and back of the house by using lumination lighting. He stated that when they first made the application they overlooked the UCD guidelines and initially made the design based upon the Walnut Street guidelines (Mr. Harris passed out new sketches of the proposed signs). The Childhood Advocacy Center key points were elements of security and durable. The sign face is not wood, not plastic, but is heavy duty aluminum. The second element was to improve the lighting. The Child Advocacy Center does do after hours work and the front of the house is fairly dark. The signs being illuminated would add an element of lighting and security. Also the overall design/logo incorporating the child with the kite provides an atmosphere of warmth and would be inviting for the children since the house is older and this portrays an image of happiness.

Mr. Harris states they amended the sign to meet the Western District criteria, the height being 5 foot. The square footage on the sign will be slightly over the 16 inches allowed and asks that

the board for allowance to be over the limit and to basically give us the background to give the atmosphere of what we are trying to accomplish message from the sign.

Mr. McDonald states that the Landmarks Board has jurisdiction on what is appropriately historically, but cannot change the rules on the size of the sign, that would have go through Building Development Services.

Mr. Harris understands that Building Development Services would have to approve for the size allowance, but before Building Development Services would even consider it, would have to have the blessing from the Landmarks Board. The actual Building Development Services terminology, what they are looking at, is the effect sign area, that is where I have broken down the square footage allowances and came up with using the Child Advocacy Center and Betty and Bobby Allison terminology and the child and kite area, we are at 18.8 square feet. By working with the Child Advocacy Center and asking this board to consider is the difference of what we are trying to do. This is not advertising in the traditional manner, we are not trying to sell more burgers and not trying to bring in more clientele. We trying to create an atmosphere of warmth and welcome for a child.

We have proposed wall signs on the front (south elevation) and the back (north elevation), with two options for the north location. The wall signs are for the front and back entrances to the building. The back entrance will be used because of the size and location of the parking lot and the front to identify where children/people/parents would go for entrance. At this current time, the back elevation there is very little for identification as an entrance. Option A is above three windows and Option B is over on the white element of the building on the left. We have tried to match the colors of the signs (both wall and monument) to the existing colors of the house and the architectural element to the monument sign are there to match as much of the architectural elements of the house. We are asking for allowances upon these things.

Mr. Eslick stated that the sign over the door is too big and is bigger than it should be and also looking at the other signs on Walnut Street will it not fit in with the rest of the signs. He stated that he likes the idea of the signs being kid friendly.

Mr. Harris stated that is what their primary purpose is.

Mr. Eslick asked if the sign sides could be smaller than 24 inches.

Mr. Harris states that a lot of the oversize is the background areas and create an atmosphere of depth. They have done different renderings and states that it loses the impact and again stated that they are not advertising to sell more burgers or more clients, this is the first impression a child, who needs the Child Advocacy Center, will see and for that purpose, we are maximizing the impact. Along Walnut Street there are several signs that are good size, i.e., the Thai Restaurant.

Mr. Bishops states that the Thai Restaurant sign is in non-compliance.

Mr. Harris continued to state other signs, i.e., The University Plaza landscaping wall-sign, which is out of the district, but right on the edge and there is some precedence of having larger signs in the area.

Mr. Eslick stated that it needs to stay within the 16 square foot due to precedence within the Walnut Street area.

Mr. Harris that they can shrink the sign.

Mr. Bishop stated that he really likes the design of the art and whimsical nature and thinks it adds an element of differentness and knows that the interior guidelines warn against a certain sameness developing in the signage. He stated the issue is with the scale of it and not necessarily the 16 square foot limitation but the profile is larger and thicker than it should be. He would like it to be shrunken down. He also stated that the sign over the door (south elevation) is redundant and doesn't understand the need for it. The back sign is fine.

Mr. Harris asked if the wall sign (south elevation) was reduced, would that elevate some of the concerns. Since the Child Advocacy Center now has two buildings, having a sign over the door is important to direct client traffic.

Mr. Bishop stated that the monument sign is really a matter of taste and scale, but the sign on the front (south elevation) really effects the architectural lines of the building and that is more the essence of what this board is about and maintaining the integrity in this neighborhood and that is why I object to it as well as changes the system of way people use signage on this street.

Ms. Crandall agrees that the sign over the door is redundant and takes away from the building. It is too big and takes away building and does not know why it is lit up at night and asked if this was a 24 hour building.

Barbara Brown-Johnson, 1033 E. Walnut, Child Advocacy Center stated that employees do come in sometimes or stay late to work cases and that family comes in the front door.

Ms. Crandall asked about the lighting in front of the building.

Mr. Eslick replied that they wanted the sign to direct them to the correct building and door.

Ms. Crandall asked about the monument sign and asked if it would direct them to the building.

Mr. Harris states that the monument sign will be between the two buildings (1033 & 1041 W. Walnut) on the west side the driveway and states the door sign will be able to direct people to the correct building.

Mr. Eslick and Ms. Crandall asked about resizing and taking off some of the language on the wall sign (south elevation).

Mr. Darren Pearce, 505 N. Glenstone Avenue, Pinnacle Sign Group states that the door sign can be reduced in size and some of the language to be able to show the decorative door archway and columns. He notes that having light-emitting diode (LED) lighting is a need for the monument as well as the front door sign due to the lack of current lighting at both addresses.

Mr. Stanek expresses his concern of the wall sign.

Mr. Eslick stated that he believes the monument sign should a different type of sign because all of the signs (Walnut Street) are alike, but with a narrower profile.

Mr. Harris states that they will resubmit the design.

Mr. Bishop stated that some of the issues for approval will be the sign over the front door unless it maintains the architectural integrity. He states that they are no other structures on Walnut Street with an over-the-door sign and stated his concern.

Mr. Sparlin showed a street elevation of the buildings with the approximate location of the monument sign.

Barbara Brown-Johnson, 1033 E. Walnut, Child Advocacy Center noted that people sometimes have problems with identifying the correct building to enter and noted that if they were not allowed a wall sign on the back of building that they would have lights installed instead.

Mr. Sparlin stated that staff recommends tabling this request in order to follow correct procedure of going through the sign permit review with Building Development Services. At this time there are denials on the monument (because of size) and the wall signs (premises are only allowed one wall sign) by Building Development Service.

Mr. Bishop closed the public hearing.

Motion to table **1033 W. Walnut** from Nancy Crandall and seconded from Len Eagleburger. The motion carried as follows: Unanimously. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None

Certified Local Government Review: None

Pre-Application Review: None

Local Historic Site Nomination Review: None

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Sparlin reported on the two nominations, the KGBX Radio Station (605 Boonville Avenue) and the 1955 Better Homes and Gardens Idea House (1900 S. Saratoga Avenue) were approved by City Council on January 11, 2016 as local historic sites. Mr. Chambers and Mr. Eslick both represented the nominations.

Landmarks Board members are invited to a Springfield Cardinal's game in appreciation of their involvement on the committee on July 28, 2016.

Mr. Bishop would like to commend Mr. Chambers and Mr. Eslick for their appearance and participation at the City Council and their help in explaining the process of nominations for the local historic site.

**REPORTS - Report on Committees:**

Application: None

Demolition: Mr. Sparlin is reviewing them and will send out a list.

Historic Sites and Districts: None

Mid-Century Modern - Potential Historic Structures: Stephen Herzog, Springfield Newsleader will do an article on the two nominations.

Ozarks Rock Structures: Ms. Crandall reminded the committee of the 1st Friday Artwalk PowerPoint presentation and the Travel Log with the Brentwood Library is in June, however the library will closed for renovation, it will be at the Dan Kinney Community Center (2701 S. Blackman Road).

Awards and Recognition: Mr. Eslick will have ideas for discussion at the March meeting.

Design Guidelines: None

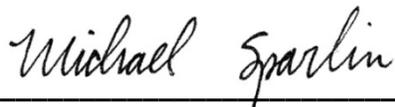
**Administrative approvals of C of A's:** None

**ANY OTHER MATTERS THAT FALL UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD**

Mr. Eagleburger noted that the Hawkins Mill Building has been demolished.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:40pm by the motion from Justin Stanek and seconded from Len Eagleburger. The motion carried as follows: Unanimously. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None



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Michael Sparlin  
for Executive Secretary