

MINUTES OF THE LANDMARKS BOARD

DATE: March 2, 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), David Eslick, Paden Chambers, Len Eagleburger, and Justin Stanek. Absent: Kent Brown. Staff members: Michael Sparlin, Senior Planner and Duke McDonald, Assistant City Attorney.

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of February 3, 2016 were approved unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Certificate of Appropriateness:

1033 E. Walnut: Tim Harris, 505 N. Glenstone Avenue, Pinnacle Sign Group on behalf of the Child Advocacy Center. The monument sign is down to the 5' level required by the Western Walnut Street Historic District and Building Development Services has approved the monument sign. We were able to get the sign into the 16 square foot and were able to move the width in and are in compliance. Regarding the wall sign, we have reduced the sign and modified the colors and design to fit the architectural elements and still retain what the Child Advocacy Center wanted. The lighting portion will give some security at night and will downcast to illuminate the door which meets the criteria of the Western Walnut Street Historic District and Building Development Services has approved the wall sign and there not be a sign on the back.

General discussion on not having the wall sign lit and just having lighting on sides of the door. Having the wall sign LED lighting is not prohibited by the sign code and the Western Walnut Street Historic District.

Discussion on the glow of the light from the sign.

Mr. Darren Pearce, 505 N. Glenstone Avenue, Pinnacle Sign Group said that the glow will enhance the porch light.

Mr. Bishop stated that he will not support the proposed wall sign.

Several board members stated that they do not have a problem with the proposed sign.

Mr. Darren Pearce and Mr. Tim Harris, Pinnacle Sign Group stated that they have taken off of the agenda the back wall sign, however they would like for the board members to look at or discuss future allowances.

Mr. Eslick will discuss with the Walnut Street District about possible changing of the guidelines.

Mr. Bishop closed the public hearing.

Ms. Crandall requested a motion to separate the vote on the wall and monument sign.

Mr. McDonald stated that it was feasible to separate the vote and that it will take five votes for the procedural rules to approve or disapprove an action.

Nancy Crandall motioned to separate the vote on the signs. Justin Stanek seconded the motion. The motion carried as follows: Unanimously. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kent Brown.

Mr. Bishop is asking for a motion on the monument sign.

David Eslick motioned to accept the monument sign in the front yard as presented. Paden Chambers seconded the motion. The motion carried as follows: Unanimously. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kent Brown.

Mr. Bishop asked for a motion on the wall sign.

Nancy Crandall motioned to vote on the wall sign. Justin Stanek seconded the motion. The carried as follows: Ayes: David Eslick, Lean Eagleburger, Paden Chambers, and Justin Stanek. Nays: Nancy Crandall and Gary Bishop. Abstain: None. Absent: Kent Brown.

Mr. Donald stated that the wall sign will be automatically tabled as there were not five votes for or against.

Mr. Bishop stated that the wall sign will be on the agenda for the next Landmarks Board meeting, March 30, 2016.

Certified Local Government Review: Timmons Temple is being reviewed.
Pre-Application Review: None

NEW BUSINESS

Certificate of appropriateness:

536 E. Tampa: Donald Glunt, 2533 N. Franklin, Pastor of Gibson Chapel Presbyterian Church. The church needs to repair its windows. The building was built in 1891 and the windows, thirteen of them and has received a quote for vinyl windows. The quote for wood windows was significantly more than the vinyl windows. The glass is falling, the crossbars are extremely weathered and aged and the glass is separating from the wood.

Karen Tureaud, 1627 E. Kerr, working with the contractor. The cost of the 9' vinyl windows is approximately \$2000 per window. The contractor, Modern Exterior's is not sure if he can find wooden windows, which is significantly higher. Four windows are in immediate need of replacement. The current smoke glass will not be preserved and will have new glass installed when making the windows.

Board members asked for specifications and samples.

Ms. Tureaud stated that the manufacturing (NT Window) information is on the web site, but does not have anything available at the meeting. The company would replace the current cathedral windows and make them to specification.

Mr. Eslick suggested that this agenda item be tabled and noted that vinyl windows are now being allowed in the last five years per State Historic Preservation Office.

Ms. Ferba Lofton, 2516 E. Meadow Drive, asked if there is issue on boarding up the windows due to the number of windows and if they are forced to use wood. She also asks if they can have their property removed from the historical register if they cannot use vinyl.

Mr. Sparlin states that Building Development Services would need to answer the question on the boarded window code.

Mr. McDonald stated that for each permit it is \$200 and only last six months. Under the rules if the Landmarks Board turns down the vinyl windows and the applicant waits 60 days, you will be able to ignore the recommendation of the Landmarks Board. This is not in a historic district or a historic landmark, it is a historic site that designation means that the Landmarks Board is an advisory board and after sixty days Building Development Services has to issue the permit for the vinyl windows.

Ms. Lofton and Ms. Tureaud stated again that some of the windows are ready to fall out and Mr. Eslick suggested taking out the windows and board them up in the interim.

Mr. Bishop closed the public hearing.

Motion from Nancy Crandall to table **536 E. Tampa** until April (March 30, 2016) meeting. David Eslick seconded the motion. The motion carried as follows: Unanimously. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kent Brown

312 E. Commercial:

Jennifer Wilson, 1900 South Saratoga, property owner would like to repair the front of the building which was approved a few years ago and will not deviate from that and then construct a single-story, 1140 square foot that goes toward Blaine Street. There are safety and security issues with staff when they go out to the parking area and poor drainage issues. The design will compliments the evaluation on Commercial Street side of the building, using masonry as regulated by the guidelines and less than 15% of the facade is glass and steel.

Ms. Crandall questioned the parking and was informed that there is a public parking lot behind the building.

Mr. Bishop closed the public hearing.

Motion to approve **312 W. Commercial** from Len Eagleburger and seconded from David Eslick. The motion carried as follows: Unanimously. Nays: None. Abstain: Paden Chambers. Absent: Kent Brown.

Certified Local Government Review: None
Pre-Application Review: None
Local Historic Site Nomination Review: None

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Sparlin talked regarding the proposed maximum term limits and that Section 36-353 Landmarks Board Term Limits is on the Planning and Zoning Agenda scheduled for March 3, 2016. The current language states that there is a maximum of 2 three year terms. The proposed amendment will allow for reappointment "no person shall be appointed more than two consecutive terms."

Mr. Sparlin asked for the status on the Timmons Temple historical marker planned for May 2016 and if Paden Chambers and Laurel Bryant are still working on it. Mr. Chambers and Mr. Eslick confirmed that they are working on it.

Mr. Eslick noted that the construction on the Timmons Temple is progressing forward.

Mr. Sparlin noted that the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge will be closed for repairs (3 months) and will contact Public Works.

REPORTS

Report on Committees: None

Application: None

Demolition: Mr. Sparlin stated that this one for 500 East Walnut Street on an accessory structure.

Historic Sites and Districts: None

Mid-Century Modern - Potential Historic Structures: None

Ozarks Rock Structures Survey: None

Walnut Street Identification Signage: Letter prepared by Mr. Eslick to go for April meeting (March 30, 2016). Discussion on the Neighborhood Identification signs approved by City Council on placement and size.

Awards and Recognition: None

Design Guidelines: None

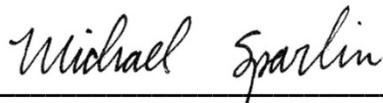
Administrative approvals of C of A's: None

ANY OTHER MATTERS THAT FALL UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:40pm by the motion from Justin Stanek and seconded from David Eslick. The motion carried as follows: Unanimously.

Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Kent Brown



Michael Sparlin
for Executive Secretary