

Town of Newburgh
Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes December 10, 2020

Members Present:

Jim Renne, Jeff Cox, Heather Cutrell, David Wills, Troy Wells, Don Shanks

Advisory Members Present:

Candice Croix; Sue Morrison, Advisory

Administrative Present:

Stacie Krieger, Council Liaison; Chris Wischer, Town Attorney; Tavi Wydicks, Zoning Administrator

Members & Administrative Absent:

Brent Grafe

Citizens Present:

Reading, Correction and Approval of Previous Minutes:

Jim Renne made a motion to accept the October and November minutes with the changes as discussed. Troy Wells seconded. No discussion. Motion was approved.

REPORTS:

Council Liaison:

Stacie Krieger stated that Council had a meeting last night via Zoom. Ms. Krieger stated that there is nothing to report related to HPC.

Indiana Landmarks:

Candice Croix stated that Indiana Landmarks has a board meeting tomorrow.

Staff Report and Code Enforcement Update:

Tavi Wydicks provided an update on the code enforcement property list.

Ms. Wydicks stated that staff met with the contractor at the Little Red Brick house that is being converted into a bathroom and concession are for the Amphitheater on Monday, and the only exterior change that will not be like for like is the addition of exterior lighting. Ms. Wydicks stated that the plan is to install exterior light fixtures that will match the exterior lighting on the amphitheater. Ms. Wydicks asked the Commission if they had any issue with this type of lighting and the Commission stated they did not.

Ms. Wydicks shared a photo of a proposed sign she received from the new owner of 517 W. Main. Ms. Wydicks stated that she already addressed the issue of internal illumination, and the owner agreed to remove that feature, but she wanted the Commission's opinion on the sign itself. The Commission determined that the look of the sign did not fit with signs in the historic districts. Ms. Wydicks stated that she would reach out to the property owner and ask them to look into other sign options and would bring the sign request back to the Commission with a formal COA application at the January meeting.

Certified Local Government:

No report.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion – 221 State Street Garage

Chris Wischer stated that he has made progress on the agreement but he is still working with Ms. Richards attorney to finalize the agreement and he will have the draft ready for the January meeting.

District Expansion

Tavi Wydicks stated that this continues to be on hold due to meetings being held via LoopUp. Ms. Wydicks stated that now that meetings are being held via Zoom and the Commission has the screen share option, they could move forward with this at the January meeting. The Commission asked staff to include the expansion information for the January meeting, and if the Commission determines it is too difficult then the item will be tabled again until in person meetings can resume.

New Business:

Changes to Commission Member Term Limits

Tavi Wydicks stated the CLG audit results stated that the Commission term limits need to be more staggered, and staff is proposing the changes to meet this requirement. Chris Wischer stated that the change may require an ordinance and he would look into it. Mr. Wischer stated that if HPC approves the changes and an ordinance is required, he would will work the changes into the ordinance and bring it to the Commission.

Jeff Cox moved to approve changes to the term limits. Heather Cutrell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Announcements:

Sue Morrison stated that the Feather Your Nest building on the southeast corner of State and Main has an area where the mortar is falling out around the brick. Tavi Wydicks stated that she would get this added to code enforcement and look into it.

Petitions and Comments from Citizens Present:

Adjourn:

Troy Wells moved adjourned the meeting.
David Wills seconded and the motion carried.

Approved @ Virtual mtg 3/11/2021
Chair

TWydicks
Recorder