

Washington Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Council Chambers of City Hall
405 Jefferson Street
Washington, Missouri 63090

Monday, May 16, 2016 at 6:00 PM

Minutes

Call to Order – Roll Call

Present

Carolyn Witt, Chairman
Steve Strubberg, Vice-Chairman
Rick Hopp
Danielle Grotewiel
Jamie Holtmeier
Andrew Clary
Bridgette Kelch, Advisory
Joe Holtmeier, City Council Liaison
Josh Brinker, City Council Liaison
Walter Meyer, City Council Liaison
John McCreery, Building Official
Anthony “Sal” Maniaci, City Planner

Absent

Bryan Bogue

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes from April 18, 2016. Carolyn Witt inquired if everyone had a chance to review the minutes. Danielle Grotewiel made a motion to approve the minutes and Steve Strubberg seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

New Business

1. International Shoe Factory District Survey Update

Danielle Grotewiel said we are still waiting on the signatures from the State Historic Preservation Office. Danielle said she will follow up with Michelle Dietrich tomorrow.

2. May, 2016 National Historic Preservation Month Proclamation and Architectural Treasure Hunt

Carolyn Witt said we received the proclamation from Mayor Sandy Lucy at the May 2, 2016 City Council meeting. We also sent out our Architectural Treasure Hunt.

Danielle Grotewiel said she is promoting it by email, on Facebook, a roadblock on the Missourians website on two separate days, a half page ad in the Missourian newspaper and posters at different locations.

Old Business

1. Education

Sal Maniaci said we are currently doing the development code revisions and are in the process of getting that approved. It is mostly a reorganization of the zoning code, development code and subdivision regulations. Part of that is the sign code. We originally had twenty-eight chapters in our development code and it is now down to seven so it will be a lot easier to follow. Sal passed out a handout regarding electronic message displays and went over some of the changes that are proposed. After a lot of discussion the consensus of the commission was to discourage electronic message displays and work on finding a computation for the size requirements of signs in the design review area. Regarding back lit signs, we do need to come up with a definition of them and come up with the right terminology to describe what would be permitted. Sal said he will be emailing out updates for comment because the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting will be held before our next commission meeting.

2. Curb Appeal Award

Carolyn Witt said she does not have anything new to report.

3. Creating New History Award

Carolyn Witt said the photo with Andy Unerstall has not yet been in the newspaper.

4. The Jasper House at 320 Lafayette Street, Property Restrictions

Josh Brinker said there is nothing new to report.

5. Budget Report

Carolyn Witt said there is nothing new to report.

6. Informational Plaques for Historic Buildings

Rick Hopp said he needs to get with Bryan Bogue to set up a time to install the plaques.

Andrew Clary said to lets set up a date and time after this meeting.

Danielle Grotewiel said that Jamie Holtmeier went to the museum to do some research on Sunday.

Jamie Holtmeier said it is a lot of fun but I want to stress that it takes a lot of work.

Danielle Grotewiel said she will be there again this Sunday so come by if you can. She said that she leaves the paperwork there so you can go there anytime the museum is open if you want to do some research.

2013 Plaques

1. 323 West Main Street, Washington Laundry Inc. (Chamber of Commerce), will install after renovations are complete
2. 401/403 West Main Street, (commercial address) Hibbeler Building
77 Cedar Street (residential address) ready for photo

2014 Plaques

1. 8 West Second Street, The Theatre Verein, ready for photo
2. 10 West Second Street, Schnier Building, (Dr. Radetic's Office) ready for installation
3. 18 West Second Street, Huppert Building, (Unnerstall & Unnerstall CPA), ready for installation
4. 211 High Street, City Auditorium-need approval from city

2015 Plaques

1. 103 Elm Street, Laumann-Ernst Building, (BFA), need owner approval
2. 106 Elm Street, Commercial Hotel Addition (Bah Yarns/114 Elm Street, northern section of Cowan's Restaurant (one building) ready to install
3. 111 Elm Street, Trentmann Building (was Altemueller Hallmark) need owner approval
4. 113 Elm Street, Beckmann Building, (United Mutual) ready to install
5. 114 Elm Street, Dickbrader Hardware, (Cowan's Restaurant main entrance) ready to install
6. 120 Elm Street, Washington Bakery (was Three Ladies on the Corner) ready to install

2016 Plaques

1. 200 Elm Street (IB Nuts)
2. 214 Elm Street (Executive Building) per Marc was Nieberg-Vitt Furniture 1927
3. 216 Elm Street (Bubba's) install plaque on this part of building
218 Elm Street (Digital By Design) addition to 216
220 Elm Street (Assist to Sell) addition to 216 and 218 Elm Street
4. 224 Elm Street (Waypoint Christian Counseling Services)
5. 211 Elm Street (Four Seasons Florist) per Marc was Otto and Company second location
6. 217/219 Elm Street (Office Supply & Equipment) per Marc was Washington Citizen Newspaper
7. 223/225 Elm Street (vacant) possibly a fill in, may remove from list
8. 227 Elm Street (Old Dutch)

7. Conferences

Carolyn Witt said that on April 21-22, Danielle Grotewiel, Bridgette Kelch and Jill Straatmann attended the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions training, Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program (CAMP) which was held in Marshall, Missouri.

Bridgette Kelch said it was one of the best trainings she has ever been to. It was put together very well.

Danielle Grotewiel said that says a lot and the commission members agreed.

Bridgette Kelch said she would like to get them to come here either next year or 2018. We can apply for a scholarship to do that.

Carolyn Witt said that would be a great idea because we can get people from this side of the state to attend.

Carolyn said the Missouri CLG Forum was held on Friday, May 13th in Jefferson City. John McCreery and Sal Maniaci did a presentation and that she and Danielle Grotewiel also attended. Their presentation was the high point of the program.

Danielle Grotewiel said it was fantastic.

Carolyn Witt said Fire Chief Rick Ennis from Cape Girardeau was there also and he was amazing. He talked about the different options. He talked about the misconceptions that people have regarding sprinkler systems. He asked the group if there is a fire over here and the sprinkler goes off, is everyone going to get wet? A lot of people raised their hand and he said “Hollywood”. The only sprinkler that will go off is the one where the fire is. Most people didn’t know that. Carolyn said he was great at explaining it.

Danielle Grotewiel said he was even more than that. Most of us are not against sprinklers because we think they don’t save lives. I think a lot of people think they will get a deluge and everything you have will be wet to which he said things can dry out but they don’t unburn. The main problem with sprinklers is the cost. They are very expensive but a lot of sprinklers are PACE qualified (Publically Accessed Clean Energy).

Bridgette Kelch said if they qualify for PACE, I wonder if it would fall under Ameren and that USDA REEP Program we were looking at.

Sal Maniaci said he wasn’t aware that they qualified and that is good to note.

Carolyn Witt said that Saturday, October 15, 2016 will be the 50th Anniversary of the Historic Preservation Act. We were thinking about doing something to celebrate that. Perhaps we could get a subcommittee together to come up with something. Carolyn asked the commission members to come up with ideas for this and we can discuss it further at our next meeting.

Carolyn added that we will be hosting the Missouri Main Street Conference July 26-28, 2016 which is getting closer all the time. It’s going to be exciting. There are all kinds of things to do as we welcome the state.

Danielle Grotewiel said she hopes to have the volunteer sign-up sheets ready by our next meeting.

Other Business

Danielle Grotewiel made a motion to adjourn and Andrew Clary seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved. The meeting of the Washington Historic Preservation Commission ended at 6:35 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the Washington Historic Preservation Commission will be held Monday, June 20, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall.