



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, April 20, 2010 @ 3:30 p.m.
City Hall Conference Room # 2
85 South Main Street, Oberlin, Ohio

Members Present: Jane Blodgett; Carol Ganzel; Lynda Khoury and Elizabeth Tisher

Members Absent: Pat Murphy

Others Present: Tony Mealy; Norman Henderson, owner of 116 Shipherd Circle; Eugenia Bobo, owner of 169 Shipherd Circle; Scott Broadwell, Council Liaison; Tita Reed, Economic Development & Housing Officer and Sandra Phillips, Historic Preservation Secretary

Blodgett called this meeting of the Oberlin Historic Preservation Commission to order at approximately 3:31 p.m.

I. OLD BUSINESS

a) Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2010

Khoury made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Ganzel seconded. Vote passed.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

a) Program April 21, 2010 at the Public Library, 7:00 p.m. – The Greenest House is Already Built by Kerry Adams from the Cleveland Restoration Society

Blodgett told the Commission she is hoping some of the Commission members can attend this program.

b) UGRR Committee Update – Scott Broadwell

Broadwell said City Council invited Tony Mealy to be a part of the Underground Railroad Center Implementation Team, and he accepted. Broadwell told the Commission that with Margaret Christian resigning from the team, there is one position open.

Blodgett asked Ganzel if she would write a letter to City Council asking them to renew the membership with the Cleveland Restoration Society for the Heritage Home Program.

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Blodgett asked Ganzel to include the number of building owners who have used the Heritage Home Program. Blodgett said she would come to City Hall and sign the letter.

c). Design Review Subcommittee Update – Lynda Khoury

Khoury told the Commission that part of the staircase on the outside of the Campus Cleaners building, going into the lower level was originally to be vinyl, but the owner has now changed it to metal. Also they will be using real sandstone instead of veneer sandstone for the outside steps. The Subcommittee approved the plans.

Khoury said that the bifold storefront system, at the Feve is going to be wood. The bulk head will match the system of the original building. The Subcommittee approved the plans.

Khoury said the Pizza Shack sign is going to be removed. The sign was placed without a permit.

Khoury told the Commission that Oberlin College has filed an application for site improvements to the Asia House. The improvements will consist of replacing windows and trim, a handicap ramp and completely replacing the courtyard. The windows and trim will be replaced with aluminum and the courtyard will be partly stamped concrete. The Subcommittee voted against the plans and recommended that the Planning Commission review them.

Tony Mealy told the Commission that the Planning Commission approved the plans.

III. OLD BUSINESS

a) Preserve America Signs– Lynda Khoury

Blodgett told Tisher of the events the Commission has gone through trying to get the City Officials to post the Preserve America Signs. Blodgett explained that the Commission thought the best place to put the signs would be where state highways enter the town.

Tita asked the Commission if they have considered an alternate location for placing the sign? Blodgett told Reed that the Commission wants all the signs placed at each of the entrances to the City.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

a) Hearing to vote to present to Council two houses for landmark status: Marjorie & Norman Henderson, 166 Shipherd Circle & Eugenia Bobo, 169 Shipherd Circle

Blodgett spoke briefly about Max Ratner, the builder/architect of the homes on Shipherd Circle.

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Ganzel made a motion to recommend to City Council the landmark designation for 116 Shipherd Circle, and 169 Shipherd Circle. Tisher seconded. Vote passed.

Blodgett will present the landmark designations to City Council on Monday, May 3, 2010.

- b) Suggestions from Lizzie for obtaining CLG funding for some of the following projects: Building Survey; Developing a preservation plan for the City; Developing design guidelines for the downtown historic district; National Register districts; Grant for rehabilitation of Gasholder Building; Programs in cooperation with the Resource Recovery Commission such as, hands-on workshops for repairs on some of the threatened older homes in the southeast section of the City

Tisher suggested that the Commission might brainstorm options in order to get some additional funding to help with expenses. Tisher said she has little grant writing experience, but could possibly get help from people with this knowledge.

Tabled until future meeting.

Next meeting: May 18, 2010

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

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Jane Blodgett, Chair

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