

Columbus Historic Landmarks and Preservation Commission Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, October 23, 2024
105 North Dickason Boulevard

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ruth Hermanson at 4:03 p.m.

Attendance: Commissioners Jan Ulrich, Beth Altschwager, Ruth Hermanson, Pete Kaland, Elizabeth (Libby) Gilbertson, Economic Development Director Mike Kornmann, David Bennett/IT and Matt Amundson/City Administrator were also present. Excused- Henry Elling and Katie Nichols.

Notice of open meeting: Chair Hermanson noted that the meeting agenda had been posted and distributed per State Statutes.

Approve agenda: Motion by Gilbertson, second by Altschwager to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Beth Altschwager noted that the renter of the pavilion this past weekend forgot to turn the lights off at the end of their rental. There was also broken glass around the building. She reported that she called the Recreation Director who oversees the rentals to inform her.

Approve Minutes: September minutes were reviewed. Jan U. asked about moving the money from the façade account to the Rest Haven account as discussed at a previous meeting. Past minutes will be reviewed to determine when/if that vote occurred. Pete K. made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Gilbertson, motion carried.

Treasurer's report: as of October 14, 2024:

- Susan Stare Auditorium Fund (CD)		\$ 19,148.88
- Water Tower Fund	253474	\$ 10,585.22
- Mary Poser/ Former Columbus Auditorium Corporation	2502700 (CD)	\$ 32,307.87
- RestHaven Improvement	255362	\$ 95, 897.77
- Façade Improvement Fund	255707	\$ 131.86
- Columbus Pavilion ADA Accessibility Fund	250968	\$ 4,000.89
- CHLPC Account	187450	\$ 33,756.26

Treasurer's report on Calendar sales 2024: Beth A. shared that the calendar sales are currently at \$10, 165. This amount is included in the Rest Haven account. Jan U. presented a bill for reimbursement for calendar printing of \$1386.32 from Minute Man Press for 180 calendars. Motion made by Beth A. to reimburse Jan U. for costs of printing the calendar, Pete K seconded. Roll call vote unanimous. Motion Carried. Funds will come from the Rest Haven account.

Beth A. presented an invoice from Environmental Management Consulting of \$1146 for asbestos testing at the Rest Haven. Motion made to pay EMC for asbestos testing by Pete K., seconded by Beth A. Roll call vote, motion carried. Funds will be taken from the Rest Haven account.

Summer Concert Series: Discussion about continuing concerts. Reports from the community were that they were welcome and enjoyed. The location of the concert giving listeners shade was reported. The community sees value in the concerts. The 2024 profit is \$3042.61 (\$146 deposit not reflected in to Treasurer's Report). Discussion of hosting concerts in other locations throughout the community. Motion made by Pete K, seconded by Libby to hold the summer concerts again next summer. Chair Ruth H. asked about council

permission to host concerts in 2025. It was determined that an update on the concert preparation status was enough for Council awareness and no other permissions were believed to be needed.

Local Landmarks Designation and Local Designated Districts: No known activity has been done on landmark designation. Other CLGs in the state were emailed to those interested in reviewing the process.

Fundraising status for Resthaven: Letters have been developed to send to potential donors, along with a list of donors from past projects has been made and will be contacted to meet and discuss the Rest Haven rehabilitation project. The Vibrant Spaces grant from the WEDC was discussed, and it was decided that Mike K. will complete administrative portion of the grant, Ruth will obtain the financial information required, and Libby will complete section #5. All the information will go to Mike to add to the application. Grant application is due 12/5/24. Jan will send thank you notes to donors, will also send notes to two past donors who passed away in the last weeks. Pete made a motion to purchase additional note cards as needed, Beth seconded, motion carried. Mike will also provide a draft resolution to apply for the grant as required by the WEDC. He will also alert them of our interest to apply. Jan will forward past articles that were written for posting on the commission's Facebook page and possibly in the Commotion. Pete will review what he has for a presentation; discussed abbreviating it for a shorter presentation.

Calendars: Jan U. had the calendars prepared for distribution and were handed out. Those not at the meeting will have theirs delivered to them by other commissioners. Jan also noted that she did not see support from city staff in purchasing calendars. Discussed promotion of sponsoring the calendars through avenues such as social media and the Commotion so that others know that they can sponsor an ad.

Meeting dates: Next meeting scheduled for 11/20/24 at 4 pm.

State Preservation Convention: Ruth H. provided a brief update on the convention along with a handout for commissioners. Motion made by Pete K. to renew membership to Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions (WAHPC). Beth A. seconded; motion carried.

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Pete K. at 5:45 pm, seconded by Beth A. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Gilbertson, Vice Chair, for Henry Elling, CHLPC Secretary

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