

Columbus Historic Landmarks and Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 25, 2025
105 North Dickason Boulevard

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ruth Hermanson at 4:05 p.m.

Attendance: Commissioners Altschwager, Hermanson, Gilbertson, Kaland, Nagle and Elling. Commissioner Ulrich was excused. Dave Bennett, Mike Kornmann and Mayor Hammer were also present.

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

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

Public Comment: The group welcomed Bryan Nagle as a new member of the group and noted that Pete Kaland would not be requesting reappointment.

Minutes of February 26: Motion by Nagle, second by Gilbertson to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's report: as of February 19, 2025:

- Susan Stare Auditorium Fund (CD)		\$ 19,148.88
- Water Tower Fund	253474	\$ 10,625.02
- Mary Poser/ Former Columbus Auditorium Corporation	2502700 (CD)	\$ 32,307.87
- RestHaven Improvement	255362	\$105,126.01
- Columbus Pavilion ADA Accessibility Fund	250968	\$ 4,015.93
- CHLPC Account	187450	\$ 32,597.71

Motion by Elling, second by Gilbertson to approve as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Altschwager will be meeting with Mike Kornmann to review purchasing procedures and invoice processing.

Summer Concert Series Performance Contracts: All headline acts are confirmed. Food vendors have been contacted and confirmed. Sponsorship letters will be sent the week of March 31st. Commissioner Elling will be applying for a Tourism Grant to supplement advertising by including material in the Events.com site. Total request is \$1,000 (\$750 for Events.com and \$250 for posters and printing).

Application by CHLPC to designate City Hall as a local historical landmark: The commissioners reviewed material prepared by City staff for the nomination process for local landmark designation of Columbus City Hall, 105 Dickason Boulevard. Commissioner Elling questioned whether Mayor Hammer was signing as a private citizen or as the Mayor and Property Owner. Mayor Hammer indicated that his signature on the application was on behalf of the City as Property Owner.

Upon conclusion of the review of information submitted in the application, Commissioner Gilbertson made a motion to acknowledge that the application was complete and to direct staff to prepare for and

schedule a public hearing for April 30, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at the City Hall. Motion seconded by Commissioners Altschwager. Motion carried unanimously.

Attendance at Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commission annual meeting. Chair Hermanson noted that she will be attending the sessions on April 24-25 in Racine. Others are invited to attend.

Motion by Kaland, second by Altschwager to adjourn at 5:05 p.m. Carried Unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: April 30, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Henry J. Elling, CHLPC Secretary