

Columbus Historic Landmarks and Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 25, 2025
105 North Dickason Boulevard

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ruth Hermanson at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Public Hearing: Chair Hermanson announced the public hearing regarding the potential designation of Columbus City Hall, 105 North Dickason Boulevard, as a local landmark. Mr. Kornmann announced that the appropriate notices had been posted and mailed per the City Code.

Thomas Dan, owner of the Danville Dam in Astigo spoke in favor of the designation. However, he also noted that additional regulation comes with additional restrictions on future approvals.

Susan Caine, City Clerk, commented that the City may be proposing exterior changes to the original Dickason Boulevard entrance and wondered how this designation may affect security and accessibility improvements in the future.

Keith Luppnow, 156 North Dickason Boulevard, questioned how this designation might impact on future use and upgrades to the 2nd floor pavilion space.

Hearing no other comments from the floor, and after 3 announcements, Chair Hermanson closed the public hearing at 6:38p.m.

Approve agenda: Motion by Hammer, second by Nagle, to approve the June 25 agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Minutes of May 28, 2025: Motion by Nagle, second by Gilbertson, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Jack Sanderson, ____ James Street, spoke on behalf of the Lions Club. They have been selling candy at various local businesses for the past several years. He presented a check for \$1,500 to Chair Hermanson on behalf of the Columbus Lions Club, to the Resthaven Restoration Fund. They will also be considering the Resthaven Restoration as a fund-raising commitment for the next year. The Club also donated \$50.00 to the Concerts in the Park project. The Commission thanked Mr. Sanderson for the generous donation.

Discussion and possible action on designation of 105 North Dickason Boulevard as a local historic landmark: Motion by Elling, second by Hammer, to approve the designation of City Hall, 105 North Dickason Boulevard, as a local historic landmark property, based on the application materials and comments during the public hearing. Motion carried 7 – 0. City Staff and Secretary Elling will transmit the necessary notices of this decision.

Payment of Invoices and Bills: Motion by Hammer, second by Nagle to approve payment of \$251.00 to Hubbleton Brewery for the beverages at the June 19 concert; payment from account #255362.

Fundraising for Rest Haven: Current balance in the improvement account is \$119,891.48. An additional \$369 was raised at the June 19 concert. Commissioner Ulrich has offered an article to the local newspaper

regarding the status of the project. It has also been offered to the City Cable and Website along with the Daily Dodge website.

Rest Haven Remodel Project Update: Chair Hermanson announced that the subcommittee had met on June 23 and will be proposing a phase 1 project of the main entry door replacement. She would like authorization to discuss an updated bid package with the project architect. Motion by Gilbertson, second by Altschwager, to authorize the Commission Chair to use up to \$1,000 for additional bid plan set production by the Design Coalition architect. Motion carried 7 – 0. Money to come from Account 255362.

Summer Concert Series: The commissioners noted the second concert is set for July 17. Chair Hermanson and Mayor Hammer will be out of town for this event. Commissioners are requested to arrive at Fireman's Park between 4:00 and 4:30.

At the June 19 event the commissioners distributed flyers and questionnaires for attendance and audience information. Members noted that visitors had attended from Oshkosh and Beaver Dam.

Motion by Altschwager, second by Gilbertson to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Carried Unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Henry J. Elling, CHLPC Secretary