

**Columbus Historic Landmarks and Preservation Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, May 28, 2025**  
**105 North Dickason Boulevard**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ruth Hermanson at 4:00 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 Comment: Mike Kornmann announced that he received information today that the bids had been received for the Pavilion at Fireman's Park north and south staircase repairs. The bids will be forwarded to the City Council for action. The timeline for completion (pending bid approval) is October, 2025.

Minutes of April 30: Motion by Gilbertson, second by Nagle to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Motion by Elling, second by Gilbertson to postpone action on the Treasurer's report to the June meeting to confirm closure of the Façade Grant fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Payment of Invoices and Bills: Motion by Hammer, second by Gilbertson to approve invoices from Minuteman Press for posters and banner updates in the amount of 333.31 at \$63.14 to come from Account #255362. Motion carried unanimously.

Preliminary Review of potential designation of 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. The City Assessor delivered information on the current assessed value of the property. No other staff reports were received.

The commissioners reviewed the overall designation process and notice requirements for the upcoming public hearing.

Motion by Gilbertson, Second by Altschwager to set a public hearing for Wednesday, June 25, beginning at 6:30 p.m. to review the potential designation of City Hall, 105 North Dickason Boulevard, as a local historic landmark property. Motion carried unanimously.

Summer Concert Series: The commissioners noted the first concert is June 19<sup>th</sup>. Commissioners are requested to arrive at Fireman's Park between 4:00 and 4:30. The group requested that staff coordinate stage setup with DPW. The liquor license and insurance are being covered by the Columbus Chamber of Commerce.

Election of Officers: Motion by Hammer, Second by Altschwager, to approve Ruth Hermanson as Chair, Libbie Gilbertson as Vice-Chair, Beth Altschwager as Treasurer, and Henry Elling as Secretary for the term to expire on May 30, 2026. Motion carried unanimously. Ruth Hermanson notified the group that this will be her last term as Chair. FAIR WARNING!

Motion by Altschwager, second by Gilbertson to adjourn at 4:50 p.m. Carried Unanimously.

NEXT MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Henry J. Elling, CHLPC Secretary