

**CITY OF AURORA
OHIO
LANDMARK COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2007**

The Aurora Landmark Commission met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, November 15, 2007, in the Council Chambers of Aurora City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Thomas Dreher.

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Thomas Dreher Sue Sutton Tom Spape Richard Fetzer
Absent:	Jeffrey Clark
Also Present:	Ron Lowe, Advisor to Landmark Commission Susan Dombeck, Secretary

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA:

There were no amendments to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To approve the minutes of October 29, 2007 as printed.

Mrs. Sutton moved for approval; Mr. Spape seconded, and the motion carried, 3-0-1, on a roll call vote.

Yeas: Mrs. Sutton, Mr. Spape, Mr. Dreher
Nays: None
Abstentions: Mr. Fetzer

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

BRIDGE FOR THE SEWARD-GILES CEMETERY

Mr. Lowe gave a summary of the meeting he attended with Landscape by Design regarding the bridge. He stated that the company has hired someone to do a 100 year floodplain report. He then explained how the length of the bridge will be determined. At this time the measurement is 28 feet, but a final measurement is needed, and it could be longer.

Mr. Lowe asked the members to look at photographs he presented to help decide on the style of the bridge. He then gave some information on the three separate styles of the bridge and on the decking and protection of the abutments if weathering is done.

Mr. Dreher suggested that consideration be given to having the concrete colored for the abutments. Mr. Lowe said he would forward that suggestion. Mr. Dreher said that he preferred the wood deck and the other members agreed.

Mr. Spape recommended having some type of paint or sealer to help protect against graffiti. He also suggested considering a lamppost, but Mr. Lowe explained that there is no plan to have electricity to the site. The plan is to have the site visited during the day only.

Mr. Dreher noted that this project has taken 11 or 12 years to get to this point, and he felt that the community should not have taken that long.

Mr. Lowe said that he would keep their comments and suggestions for the bridge in mind when in touch with the contractor.

SIGN TEXT FOR THE SEWARD-GILES CEMETERY

Mr. Dreher asked about the text for the signs and Mr. Lowe replied that he made most of the changes suggested by the members but still needs to address a few. He raised the subject of the Kennedy stones and said that he is going to have the "Kennedy family" on the stones. There was a discussion on what information would be included.

Mr. Lowe read aloud some of the text. He distributed copies of the text and reviewed it with the members. There was some conversation on the text and whether a third cast sign is necessary. A discussion followed on the size of the cemetery. There will be two cast signs with text, and five others. Mr. Lowe stated that the cast signs will be about \$1,800 to \$1,900 each and the posts will be about \$300.

Mr. Lowe mentioned that clearing on the site might begin during the next week. When the signs are finally delivered, they will be stored at the service department until the site is ready for their installation. The members agreed to have the final text sent to them for their review when it is completed.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The members conferred and decided to cancel their meeting scheduled for December 20 since it is so close to the holiday.

MOTION: To cancel the December 20, 2007 meeting.

Mr. Fetzer moved for approval; Mrs. Sutton seconded, and the motion carried, 4-0, on a roll call vote.

Yeas: Mr. Fetzer, Mrs. Sutton, Mr. Dreher, Mr. Spape
Nays: None

Mr. Dreher referred to a survey regarding the master plan that the city had on its web site. He said that there were 51 replies, and then read aloud a few of the questions and answers and the percent of the respondents that agreed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Spape moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. ; Mr. Fetzer seconded, and the motion carried, 4-0, on a roll call vote.

Yeas: Mr. Spape, Mr. Fetzer, Mrs. Sutton, Mr. Dreher
Nays: None