

**CITY OF AURORA
OHIO
LANDMARK COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 2008**

The Aurora Landmark Commission met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, February 21, 2008, in the Council Chambers of Aurora City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman John Kudley.

ROLL CALL:

Present::	John Kudley Melanie Miguel-Courtad Tom Spape
Absent:	Richard Fetzer Sue Sutton
Also Present:	Mayor Lynn McGill Jim Kraus, Parks and Recreation Director Courney Schumm, City Arborist Ron Lowe, Advisor to Landmark Commission Karen Mitchell, Liaison - Aurora Historical Society Susan Dombeck, Secretary

Mr. Kudley welcomed Mrs. Courtad back to the Landmark Commission.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA:

There were no amendments to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was determined that the minutes for the meeting of January 17 and the special meeting of January 24 could not be approved since only two members that attended those meetings were present. The minutes will be addressed at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

RUGTIME, 220 SOUTH CHILLICOTHE - STORE REMODEL

There was no representative present. Mr. Kudley stated that he attended the Architectural Board of Review meeting for this plan's review. It was approved with the understanding that this commission would address the Certificate of Appropriateness. It was decided to wait on the certificate until the applicant or their representative could attend.

GILES CEMETERY

Mr. Lowe informed the members that the Engineering Department has instructed the contractor to begin with the bridge design. The budget for that came under the planned amount, as well as the engineering to be done. However, the piers came in very much over the budgeted amount. The contractor will need to raise the walkway of the bridge, and Ross Brankatelli told the contractor to go ahead with the bridge design. He asked the contractor to give a breakdown on the cost for the piers.

Mr. Lowe then presented samples of the flooring to be used on the bridge. He said he would keep the members updated on the situation with the piers.

NEW BUSINESS:

CHURCH IN AURORA, 156 SOUTH CHILLICOTHE - BICENTENNIAL STREET BANNERS FOR 2009

Mr. Kudley referred to the copies of the proposed banners that were enclosed in the members' packets.

Mayor McGill said that there will be six banners placed by the city's current banners. Mary Thomas, a member of the church who designed the banners, said that there are three banners of each of the two designs. They will be displayed along State Route 43. Jim Kraus explained that the city has enough brackets to put a city banner on one side of the pole and a church banner on the other side. According to Mr. Kraus, this is the first request for this type of project.

Mr. Lowe verified that the city hall and church have both been landmarked. There was some conversation about a few past projects that were similar. Mr. Lowe said that other pole signs that were submitted were reviewed by the commission, but he was not sure how to handle the banner signs. A brief discussion ensued.

MOTION: To approve the banner signs for the Church of Aurora as it is a landmarked building that is reaching a milestone in its history.

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

Yeas: Mr. Spape, Mrs. Courtad, Mr. Kudley
Nays: None

CITY OF AURORA, ST. RTS. 306 & 43 - THE GARDENS AT TOWN CENTER POINT

Mayor McGill explained that the plan is to have a beautiful garden in a tiered concept located on the corner parcel. They want to create a screen effect to hide Mr. Miller's house. He stated that there will be a retaining wall from 24" to 36" high, and he described some of the plantings to be used and their layout. The city plans to drill under State Route 43 to put in an irrigation system for the garden.

Mayor McGill said that they are planning the different plantings so that there will be color throughout the growing season. Using the drawing, he explained the layout of some of the plantings. Per an inquiry by Mrs. Mitchell, Mayor McGill stated that with regard to the maintenance, they are considering adding a staff member to the Parks and Recreation Department who will help maintain several sites in the city. There was some additional discussion on the materials to be used in the project.

Mrs. Mitchell asked about the choice of plantings, and Ms. Schumm replied that they will be salt tolerant. She gave a list of plantings that are being considered.

Per an inquiry by Mr. Lowe, Mayor McGill said that the electric line was taken out. There is also a gas line that they will need to work around carefully.

Ms. Schumm mentioned that the irrigation system would help with the drainage. She then explained how they are considering doing the layout for the plants. Further conversation ensued regarding the visual affect for those people driving by the area.

The members felt the plan was appropriate for the area.

MOTION: To approve the plan for the Gardens at Town Center Point.

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

Yeas: Mrs. Courtad, Mr. Spape, Mr. Kudley

Nays: None

MISCELLANEOUS:

There was no miscellaneous discussion.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Courtad moved to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. ; Mr. Spape seconded, and the motion carried, 3-0, on a voice vote.

John Kudley - Chairman

Susan Dombeck - Secretary
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