

**CITY OF AURORA
OHIO
LANDMARK COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
June 19, 2008**

The Aurora Landmark Commission met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, June 19, 2008, in the Council Chambers of Aurora City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman John Kudley.

ROLL CALL:

Present:: John Kudley
Sue Sutton
Tom Spape
Melanie Miguel-Courtad
Richard Fetzer
Also Present: Ron Lowe, Advisor to Landmark Commission
Karen Mitchell, Liaison - Aurora Historical Society
Susan Dombeck, Secretary

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA:

Mr. Kudley mentioned that item 5b, for the sign for 216 South Chillicothe, would probably be tabled at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the May 15, 2008 meeting as printed.

Mrs. Sutton moved for approval; Mr. Spape seconded, and the motion carried, 4-0-1, on a voice vote. (Mr. Kudley abstained.)

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the May 21, 2008 special meeting as printed.

Mr. Fetzer moved for approval; Mrs. Sutton seconded, and the motion carried, 3-0-2, on a voice vote. (Mrs. Courtad and Mr. Kudley abstained.)

NEW BUSINESS:

SARAH RIFFLE, 45 SOUTH CHILLICOTHE - FRONT PORCH REMODEL

Mr. Lowe distributed some photographs for the members to review. He stated that the applicant described the porch as ponding on the top, and the water is draining onto the porch underneath. The owner has two contractors whose estimates to replace the porch are being considered. He told the members that it was put on this meeting's agenda so the commission can address the situation.

Ms. Riffle said that she had an ARM mortgage on the house and had to redo it. The roof must be completed, as well as some other work, before the loan goes forward. She explained that she spoke to about five roofers and the cost was too high. She learned that the roof is really

not the problem, it's the understructure. Ms. Riffle then received some estimates from carpenters and will decide between two after this meeting.

Ms. Riffle told the members that the roof of the front porch would be dismantled and redone to look the same. She stated that she must have documentation of approval by July 5 so that the bank would let the loan go forward.

Mr. Lowe said that if the project has any changes in design during the work, the applicant would need a Certificate of Appropriateness, which would require another appearance before this commission. However, since Ms. Riffle is going to have it redone with the same look that exists now it can be considered maintenance. He wondered if a Certificate of Appropriateness should be issued for the demolition of the roof of the porch. He mentioned that the railing and the posts could be salvaged.

Per an inquiry by the commission, Ms. Riffle stated that she hopes to replace the roof on the house at a later time. She gave a little background information on the roof work done in the past, and assured the members that when the work is done it would have the same design as now.

There was a short discussion on the construction and design.

MOTION: To allow the owner to demolish and remove the existing porch and rebuild it to match the existing, including reusing the railings, spindles and posts.

Mr. Fetzer moved for approval; Mrs. Sutton seconded, and the motion carried, 5-0, on a roll call vote.

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

Mr. Lowe explained to the applicant that while the work on the porch is being done, if there is a decision to do anything different, she would have to return to this commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness. Ms. Riffle acknowledged that she understood.

RICK SANDSTROM, SERGEI & SERGEI'S TAILORING, 216 SOUTH CHILLICOTHE - SIGN

Mr. Lowe stated that he spoke with the owner about the sign. However, at this time an application for a permit has not even been submitted. It should be ready for discussion at the next meeting. The members decided to leave this on the agenda for the meeting in July.

BRIAN POSNIAK, 282 SOUTH CHILLICOTHE - DECK

Melissa Posniak explained that her husband could not attend, but she would speak for both. Mr. Lowe said that the original deck plan was submitted. Since then there has been a revision of a window to french doors, and the deck's footprint was changed to meet the zoning requirements. The new plan was distributed to the members for their review.

Mr. Lowe did not see a problem with the revision to the doors, but mentioned that the deck extends off of the side of the house a short distance. He commented that it can be removed in

the future if that is preferred.

Mrs. Posniak said that it will be all wood and stained like the front porch.

MOTION: To accept the drawing for the deck addition and door, which will be stained to match the front porch, including the possibility of making the posts white.

Mr. Spape moved for approval; Mrs. Courtad seconded, and the motion carried, 5-0, on a roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

STATUS OF STATE ROUTE 82 WATER LINE PROJECT

Mr. Lowe said that the city would be putting water lines from State Route 82 to Eggleston down to the Homestead development. New sidewalks will be put in on SR82 down to 411 East Garfield. He said there were issues with the grading. As for the sandstones, he explained that most have been pulverized, but there are a few sections that can be saved. Mr. Lowe stated that those pieces to be saved need to be marked with spray paint, and the city will remove, save and store them.

According to Mr. Fetzer, 37 trees will be cut down. Mrs. Sutton wondered why the sidewalk is being installed when it does not really go anywhere or serve a purpose. Mr. Lowe said that all of the easements have been granted to that point on SR82.

OLD BUSINESS:

STATUS OF THE SEWARD-GILES CEMETERY

Mr. Lowe said that he approved the cut sheets and the metal signs have been ordered. The parking signs are also set.

Mr. Fetzer told the others that he started the work on the headstone.

Mr. Lowe explained that the bridge has been ordered.

MISCELLANEOUS:

CHANGE OF LANDMARK COMMISSION MEETING DATE

Mr. Kudley reminded the others that, because of a conflict with the Aurora Historical Society meeting dates, it was proposed that the commission change their meeting to the fourth Tuesday of each month. The members agreed.

MOTION: To change the Landmark Commission meeting to the fourth Tuesday of each month, beginning with July, 2008.

Mr. Spape moved for approval; Mrs. Sutton seconded, and the motion carried, 5-0, on a voice vote.

OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Ms. Dombeck informed the members that the commission's membership renewal was due at the cost of \$150.

MOTION: To renew membership with the Ohio Historical Society for \$150.

Mr. Fetzer moved for approval; Mrs. Courtad seconded, and the motion carried, 5-0, on a voice vote.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Spape stated that he would like the city to recycle the sandstones from State Route 82 in the city parks or another project. Mr. Lowe commented that there are not many stones to be saved, and that some may be buried. Additional conversation on the sidewalk followed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Courtad moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. ; Mrs. Sutton seconded, and the motion carried, 5-0, on a voice vote.

John Kudley - Chairman

Susan Dombeck - Secretary
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