

CITY OF AURORA
OHIO
LANDMARK COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2009

The Aurora Landmark Commission met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2009, 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 Richard Fetzer Tom Spape
Absent:	Melanie Miguel-Courtad Sue Sutton
Also Present:	Ron Lowe, Advisor to Landmark Commission Karen Mitchell, Liaison - Aurora Historical Society Susan Dombeck, Secretary

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA:

There were no amendments to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the November 25, 2008 meeting as printed.

Mr. Fetzer moved for approval; Mr. Spape seconded, and the motion carried, 3-0, on a voice vote.

ORGANIZATIONAL:

Mr. Fetzer nominated Mr. Kudley for Chairman; Mr. Spape seconded the nomination.

MOTION: To close the nominations for Chairman.

Mr. Spape moved for approval; Mr. Fetzer seconded, and the motion carried, 3-0, on a voice vote.

MOTION: To elect Mr. Kudley for Chairman.

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

Yeas:	Mr. Fetzer, Mr. Spape, Mr. Kudley
Nays:	None

Mr. Spape nominated Mr. Fetzer for Vice Chairman; Mr. Kudley seconded.

MOTION: To close the nominations for Vice Chairman.

Mr. Kudley moved for approval; Mr. Spape seconded, and the motion carried, 3-0, on a voice vote.

MOTION: To nominate Mr. Fetzer for Vice Chairman.

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

Yeas: Mr. Spape, Mr. Kudley, Mr. Fetzer
Nays: None

OLD BUSINESS:

SEWARD-GILES CEMETERY CLOSE OUT

Per an inquiry by Mr. Kudley, Mr. Lowe explained that the cemetery is not closed out yet. When checking the site, he found some damage to the walkway. A large vehicle drove onto the pathway and left very deep tire tracks in the front area. He said that the signs and flag are fine. Mr. Lowe mentioned that it appears that the only damage is in the first 15 to 20 feet in the front. He said he would discuss it with Ross Brankatelli in the Engineering Department to see what can be done. He added that there are still a few minor items on the checklist to be done by the contractor.

Mr. Kudley asked if 6 x 6's could be placed in the front to address the problem and Mr. Lowe responded that it is something to consider. He stated that he would also discuss that with Mr. Brankatelli. He said that there were parking signs but that they were removed by the city pending an agreement between the city and the developer. Mr. Lowe told the members that there were no trespassing signs installed around the cemetery. He explained that if someone wants to be sure they are parking in the correct area they should park close to the neighbor's drive. He mentioned that he is unaware of the status of the parking discussions with the developer.

Mr. Kudley suggested having Ken Lahmer, with the Aurora Advocate, put an article in the newspaper about the cemetery. Mr. Lowe said that he will speak with Mr. Brankatelli for an update on the parking situation.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION FORWARDED FROM BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The Buildings and Grounds Committee forwarded a motion to the Landmark Commission

asking them to consider placing an arched ornamental iron entrance sign at the Seward-Giles Cemetery.

Mr. Lowe said that nothing was forwarded to the Building and Grounds Committee, but that the committee sent the motion to this commission on their own. He explained the existing sign and suggested having this item tabled at this time so he can discuss the proposed sign in more detail with Councilman Tom Dreher. There was a brief discussion and the members agreed to wait until the additional information is gathered.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Mr. Kudley began a short conversation on the Rugtime business and told the others that it is going out of business. He then raised the subject of the house a few doors away that had done exterior improvements. He noted that the deck on the back of the house can be seen on the one side more than the commission thought it would when the plan was reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Fetzer moved to adjourn at 7:15 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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