

CITY OF AURORA
OHIO
LANDMARK COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2010

The Aurora Landmark Commission met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, in the Council Chambers of Aurora City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman John Kudley.

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Sue Sutton John Kudley Richard Fetzer Tom Spape
Absent:	Melanie Miguel-Courtad
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 April 27, 2010 as printed.

Mrs. Sutton moved for approval; Mr. Fetzer seconded, and the motion carried, 3-0-1 on a voice vote. (Mr. Kudley abstained.)

NEW BUSINESS:

W. & S. HUBBELL – CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 286 EGGLESTON, THE CAPTAIN JOSEPH EGGLESTON HOUSE

Mr. Kudley noted that a memo was received from Rich Wehrenberg on his findings at the site. Also distributed was an e-mail by Mr. Hubbell explaining the condition and some background on the house.

Sue Tinlin, of Howard Hanna, represented the applicant. She explained that when the house was purchased a few years ago the new owner planned to restore the house. They restored the carriage house first, but the large house was in such bad shape by then that the building is really not worth restoring. The owners have since been transferred out of state and are trying to sell the carriage house, but the old Eggleston House is beyond help unless a great deal of money is put into it.

Mrs. Tinlin stated that the current owners would like to tear down the house, one reason being that it is hazardous to the carriage house. Mr. Lowe confirmed that the house is in bad shape. He added that the house had been covered in vinyl to protect the exterior. Additionally, the

roof could last a few more years but the gutters, etc. are missing in places, and many windows are broken. Mr. Lowe said that the house is not completely watertight or sealed, and that seal damage is around the newer part of the house.

Mr. Lowe mentioned that there were several additions to the building and some are in very poor shape. He said that this commission has reviewed applications for demolitions in the past, and some were in the same shape or worse. He added that the commission does not always grant a Certificate of Appropriateness immediately so as to give some time to check all options, one being advertising in case someone wants to move the building or use parts of it.

Mr. Lowe described some of the work that was done to the site. He said that there is some damage to the stone foundation.

Per an inquiry by Mr. Kudley, Mrs. Tinlin stated that a lot split cannot be done because of the location of the house. She said that the houses share a well. Mrs. Sutton did not feel that the old house, as is, is of any real value. A conversation followed on the condition of the house and what could be done with parts of the structure.

Mr. Spape wanted to wait before taking action on the Certificate of Appropriateness until the Aurora Historical Society could go through the house. Mr. Lowe said that the commission has 60 days to take action. After that time, if no action is taken, then it is an automatic approval. Further discussion followed. Some of the members expressed interest in visiting the site.

MOTION: To table this request.

Mr. Spape moved for approval; Mr. Fetzer seconded, and the motion carried, 4-0, on a voice vote.

ALLSTATE INSURANCE – 3 SIGNS FOR 12 WEST GARFIELD, JOHN SINGLETARY HOUSE

Jack Burge represented the applicant. He explained that the Allstate agency is going to switch office spaces with the Chamber of Commerce. Allstate will use the entire first floor of the building. Mr. Burge stated that there are two entrances with a sign at each one. The applicant wants to put a tenant sign on each monument sign. The third sign will be put on the front of the building.

Mr. Lowe noted that the monument signs are very nice looking signs and do not have too many business names listed. He described the signs in more detail and said that he did not think there is a problem with the proposals. According to Mr. Burge, there are no plans to have the sign used as a lighted sign.

MOTION: To approve all three signs for Allstate.

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. Spape, Mr. Kudley
Nays: None

OLD BUSINESS:

THE CHURCH IN AURORA, 156 SOUTH CHILLICOTHE – APPLICATION FOR AN OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY MARKER

Mr. Lowe informed the members that the Church In Aurora has been approved for an Ohio historical marker, although the grant for the marker was denied. There were a total of 18 applicants and only the top 5 were chosen for grants, and the application just missed being in the top 5. He said that the state is looking for a confirmation on a dedication date and will do a final review of the proposed text. That review could possibly be done by September.

Mr. Kudley stated that the church is aware that they would have to pay for the marker and have agreed to do so. Mr. Lowe said that he would inform the state. He described the location for the marker as the front entranceway on State Route 43 by the steps.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Mr. Lowe raised the subject of the tenant sign for Allstate and noted that the sign for Scrap Dynamics was never approved for a permit. Mr. Kudley asked that it be checked and possibly discussed at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Spape moved to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.; Mr. Fetzer seconded, and the motion carried, 4-0, on a voice vote.

John Kudley - Chairman

Susan Dombeck - Secretary
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