

CITY OF AURORA  
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**LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
Meeting Minutes  
October 26, 2010

The Aurora Landmark Commission met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 26, 2010, 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:	Sue Sutton John Kudley Richard Fetzer Melanie Miguel-Courtad
Absent:	Jeff Clark
Also Present:	Ron Lowe, Advisor to Landmark Commission Karen Mitchell, Liaison to 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 September 28, 2010 as printed.**

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**SCRAP DYNAMICS CORP., 11 WEST GARFIELD ROAD – DISCUSSION OF AMENDED WALL SIGN**

Mr. Lowe informed the members that no new information has been received from the owner yet. He recommended that the commission wait a few more weeks for the information. If it is not received in that time it should then be forwarded to the Zoning Inspector for enforcement and removal of the sign.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**

Mr. Lowe attended the committee meeting with Mr. Fetzer. He reported on the long discussion on several issues regarding city properties and the list of priorities prepared by the committee. Mr. Lowe suggested that this commission forward a motion either agreeing or disagreeing with the priority list. Mr. Kudley mentioned that this was discussed at Council and gave the members a summary of the conversation. He said he would forward a copy of a memo he prepared to City Council containing his recommendations on the various buildings to this commission. He then summarized those recommendations and suggested that the members review the list of priorities and his memo and take action at the next meeting. Additional discussion regarding the city properties ensued.

Resident Jack Burge stated that there he knows of a city resident that expressed an interest in leasing the Ray Harmon site to farm it. He contacted Jim Kraus, Director of Parks and Recreation, and a meeting has been set up to show the resident the property. He gave some background on possible uses.

Mr. Lowe suggested contacting other universities, instead of just Kent State, about starting an intern program for preservation to repair and maintain the buildings.

After a brief conversation, the members decided to consider a motion of recommendation at the next meeting after review of the documents discussed earlier.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ABIGAIL'S, 178 SOUTH CHILLICOTHE – POLE SIGN**

Jack Burge represented the applicant. He described the layout of the property and presented renderings of the existing sign with the proposed design. Mr. Lowe thought that the outside borders of the new sign should match those of the other business sign on that pole. Mr. Burge began a conversation on the layout, font and color of the design.

**MOTION: To approve the plan.**

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

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

**ABIGAIL'S, 178 SOUTH CHILLICOTHE – WALL SIGN**

Mr. Burge presented a photograph of the building. He noted that the entrance is on the side, so they plan to use 18" beige formed letters and mount them on rails on the side of the building facing the street. Mr. Lowe thought there may be a problem having the sign over a door that is not the actual entry, especially when there is no sign by the entrance. Mr. Burge stated that they are trying to obtain visibility from the street since it is set back. He mentioned that there may be ground lights on the sign as well. There was a discussion on possible confusion for customers as to where the entrance is located. Mr. Burge said that there may have to be a directional sign for the entry.

Mr. Kudley acknowledged that the sign may not be too visible from the road, but once customers have driven onto the site it would help identify the building. Further conversation on identifying the entrance followed. The subject of code allowances for directional signs was raised, and Mr. Wehrenberg said he would research the code for options available to the applicant.

Mr. Fetzer said that he had no problem with the proposed sign. A short conversation on the design of the wall sign ensued.

**MOTION: To approve the plan.**

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

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

**BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Lowe said that the budget is being handled through the building department, and Mr. Kudley said that the budget hearings will be in December and asked that the proposed budget be included in the packet for the next meeting.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

**GILES CEMETERY CLEAN UP**

Mr. Lowe explained that the property is in good shape, but covered in leaves and with some grass growing in the walkway. The front of the entrance has some erosion from water traveling down the road and some branches have fallen on the site. He wanted some clarification if sticks and leaves can be removed off to the side on the private property surrounding it. He asked if a question can be put to the law department regarding that concern.

**DISCUSSION OF STORAGE UNITS AT TOWN CENTER**

Mr. Lowe said that there was a story in the Advocate regarding the project and the city's cemetery abuts a small portion of the property. In the past this commission made a few recommendations regarding other proposed projects around the cemetery. He felt that the small portion of that property behind the veterinarian clinic should be considered for purchase by the city and added to the cemetery. Mr. Kudley asked Mr. Lowe to follow the progress of that project.

Mr. Kudley mentioned that the tentative delivery date for the Church of Aurora's marker is November 26, with the dedication to take place in December.

Mrs. Courtad asked if the meeting could be held earlier in the evening, preferably at 6:30 p.m. The others agreed.

**MOTION: To change the time of the monthly meeting to 6:30 p.m.**

Mrs. Courtad moved for approval; Mrs. Sutton seconded, and the motion carried, 4-0, on a voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Fetzer moved to adjourn at 8:04 p.m.; Mrs. Sutton seconded, and the motion carried, 4-0, on a voice vote.