

CITY OF AURORA
OHIO
LANDMARK COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
July 26, 2011

The Aurora Landmark Commission met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 26, 2011, in the Council Chambers of Aurora City Hall. Chairman John Kudley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Sue Sutton John Kudley Richard Fetzer Jeff Clark
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 June 28, 2011 as printed.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION PRINTING INC., 220 SOUTH CHILLICOTHE – GROUND SIGN

Mr. Lowe explained the application and said that one issue he has with it is that there are no dimensions shown. He wondered if the submittal is to scale. The sign is 63 inches wide, and he stated that a scaled drawing is needed to show how the design would fit directly on the sign. Mr. Lowe, referring to the coloring and lettering, told the members that the logo design has been used for many years.

John Dodgson, the applicant, said that the background of the sign would remain white. Mr. Lowe began a conversation on the dimensions and how it is difficult to know how the design would fit. He reiterated that a scaled picture is needed.

Mr. Dodgson explained how the design would be applied to the sign. Mrs. Sutton felt that the design is outstanding and could be seen well from the road. Mr. Clark raised the subject of items in the windows and a discussion followed. The members had a conversation on the approval procedure and decided to have Mr. Dodgson present photographs of the sign with the design incorporated along with the dimensions. They asked that he submit it to the secretary, who will then scan it and e-mail it to the members to review.

Mr. Kudley suggested a motion, but withdrew it when Mr. Dodgson agreed to revise the drawing and submit it. This item will be carried on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Mr. Clark stated that in the past an award was presented to the owner of a previous business, Nola's, for the improvements made to the site. Mr. Lowe asked if he was suggesting an awards program, and Mr. Clark replied that he would like to have prizes or awards for improvements done. Mr. Kudley noted that it could be combined with the Aurora Historical Society Lifetime Achievement Award. Mr. Lowe said it would be a recognition program.

Mr. Kudley asked Mr. Clark to prepare a report on his ideas and the criteria so that the commission can review it for a possible program. Mr. Kudley also requested that the members forward any ideas to Mr. Clark so that he can incorporate them.

Mr. Kudley referred to the memo received from Alan Shorr. He said he spoke with Mr. Shorr about the city renting out some of its properties and explained that the issue Mr. Shorr has with that is when it is rented to city employees, not to private individuals employed elsewhere.

Mr. Kudley also spoke to Mr. Shorr about the Scrap Dynamics sign and said that Mr. Shorr would address that situation when he returned from vacation. Mr. Lowe stated that he would be preparing an inventory of signs in the districts and would identify each one as legal or illegal. A discussion followed.

Mr. Clark began a conversation on certain sites with high grass and/or weeds and asked for those to be inspected. He and the others asked that the zoning inspector check the historic district sites for high grass and weeds.

Mr. Kudley informed the members that estimates were received for exterior work for the Spring Hill property, the Sheldon house and barn. The estimates ranged from \$262,000 to \$117,000 for exterior work only, and Mr. Kudley explained what work has been done so far. Additional conversation followed on the work to be done.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Fetzer moved to adjourn at 7:34 p.m.; Mrs. Sutton seconded, and the motion carried, 4-0, on a voice vote.

John Kudley - Chairman

Susan Dombeck - Secretary
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