

CITY OF AURORA
OHIO
Landmark Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2019

The Landmark Commission met in a scheduled meeting Thursday, October 17, 2019 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. John Kudley called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Jeff Clark
Jason Coleman
John Kudley
Thomas Shrout
Absent: Tim Holder
Also Present: Meredith Davis, Ass't. Director, Planning, Zoning & Building Division
Ron Lowe, Advisor to Landmark Commission
Marie Lawrie, Secretary

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: To adopt the minutes of the September 19, 2019 meeting

Mr. Kudley moved; Mr. Coleman seconded, and the motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

130 S CHILLICOTHE ROAD, CITY OF AURORA, HISTORIC CUPOLA REPLACEMENT

Mike Kessel, architect from Prime AE attended the meeting. He was seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness to reconstruct a cupola on top of city hall. The original structure was a bell tower when city hall was used as a schoolhouse. The structure was lost in a fire in the 1920's. Materials were discussed including fiber cement boards. Hardie Shingle Staggered Edge Panel was stated to be the product they would use to look like shake shingles. It was a ¼ inch thickness. Color was discussed and the architect said he would have the contractor color-match the cupola to the building. Mr. Clark asked when city hall would be painted next. No one knew the answer. The screening that was designed to keep birds out of the structure was discussed at length. The louvers were discussed in detail. There was a discussion about designing a solid panel, which would read as louvers instead of using the screening behind the louvers. There was a discussion about the maintenance of the structure. It was suggested that an access panel be designed, in the event that it is necessary to open the cupola for maintenance. Mr. Lowe, the commission adviser suggested sloping the floor inside the cupola to encourage any water to drain correctly. He noticed that the plans call for a fair

amount of ice guard material. Mr. Clark was surprised by this project and thanked the administration for this good improvement.

MOTION: To issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the historic cupola replacement, with a redesign that creates the appearance of louvers, removal of bird screening, and access for maintenance should be constructed on the west elevation

Mr. Kudley moved, Mr. Coleman seconded, and the motion carried on a 4-0 roll call vote.

Yeas: Mr. Kudley, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Clark, Mr. Shrout

Nays: None

 Budget Information

The budget was discussed. \$6,000.00 will be requested for 2020. Some possible projects include events, historical markers, brochure of cemetery, outreach to the Landmark District residents, and a presentation from Cleveland Preservation Society.

MISCELLANEOUS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Kudley moved to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. Mr. Coleman seconded, and the motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Jeff Clark - Chairman

Marie Lawrie - Secretary