

August 28, 2017

**LANDMARK AND HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES**

The Landmark and Historic District Commission (LHDC) of the City of Florissant met at the Florissant City Hall on Monday August 28, 2017 in the 2nd floor lunch room at 6:30 p.m., with Kent Miller presiding.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Commission members introduced themselves along with staff members, Phil Lum, Building Commissioner and Dianne Lehmann, recording clerk. Also introduced was Andrew Mims, new commission member appointed by Tommy Siam and Kelly Spann owner of the Old St. Catherine tea room.

ROLL CALL

On roll call the following members were present: Chair - Kent Miller, Patty Sosa, Steve Frank; Steve Siebe, Gary Meyer, Andrew Mims and Christine Kiel. Also in attendance were Phil Lum, Building Commissioner, and Dianne Lehmann, Recording Clerk. A quorum being present, the Chair declared the Landmark and Historic District Commission (LHDC) was in session for the transaction of business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kent asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the May 22, 2017 and July 31, 2017 meeting. Chris Kiel asked for a correction to the spelling of her name. Some places throughout the minutes it is spelled Keil and she would like it to be corrected to Kiel. Gary Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction, Seconded by Steve Seibe all approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing new to report

NEW BUSINESS

- **Review a letter of support for the Lafayette Street improvements in Old Town**

Phil distributed larger diagrams of the proposed plans from Lochmueller engineering firm for the Lafayette Street improvement project. Kent asked what Lochmueller wanted from LHDC. Phil explained that they are looking for support for the improvement plans for Lafayette Street. The City has received a 2.1 Million dollar grant for these improvements 80% federally funded. This will include storm sewers, accessible sidewalks, street repairs and more throughout Lafayette. The repair work starts at Highway 67 and goes thru Old Town. Phil informed the commission that this is the preliminary plan and each resident affected will receive information via registered mail sometime in September. Lochmueller is looking for a letter of support from LHDC prior to the residents meeting. Phil stated that a major concern for the commission is where the Lafayette project intersects with Rue St. Francois. One of the business that will be affected is Dooley's Florist, Patty Sosa on the commission is the owner of that business.

Patty said she was contact over 2 years ago about this project and is concerned about the loss of parking for not only her business but for Midwest Pest Control on the east side of the street. Phil explained that the parking spaces Midwest currently has are illegal because they are in the right of way. Under the plan there are only 3 parking spaces shown. Patty was also concerned about parking at her side door entrance and the parking at the side of her building. Patty also stated that she has talked to most of her neighbors and none of them were on board for this project. Kent said that we must remember that our streets are in dire need of repair and this grant will really make a difference on Lafayette and surrounding areas. Phil said this plan will not only address the street repair but will provide new sidewalks for much of the area and address storm water runoff . Phil and Kent said that this is why we have meetings with the engineering firm, to iron out any problems prior to construction. Patty wanted to know if this plan was final. Patty said she didn't feel this repair is necessary. Steve Franks said this would affect his property as well. It looks like this will cut into his front yard for a sidewalk. Phil said it appears that he will be getting a new retaining wall in looking at this proposed plan . Steve Frank reminded the commission that a letter of approval of the project does not necessarily mean approval of the plans submitted. Kent said he felt that Lochmueller was asking for not just a letter of support but input from LHDC.

Kent said he felt the best way for the commission to fully understand the project is to have someone from Lochmueller attend a LHDC meeting and go over and concerns the commission may have. It was decided to invite someone from Lochmueller to A.S.A.P. . Dianne will contact them.

MICELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Patty Sosa asked about the reappointment to a commission and procedures. She said her commission had expired and no one called her about re-appointment. She said she then got a call from Dianne saying that she should call her council person to reappoint her. She then asked why Dan Call wasn't asked by his council person to stay on the commission, explaining that she welcomes Andrew Mims, new commission member, but was just unclear on what happened. Phil explained that maybe it was an oversight but Tommy Siam has appointed a new person to the commission, Andrew Mims. Patty explained to Andrew that no ill was intended but she felt it was unfair to Dan Call not to be re-appointed without his knowledge. Gary Meyer asked if Dan didn't want to continue. Dan did want to continue. Phil said the process for re-appointments was unclear but we would find out so we don't have this problem again.

Gary asked if we couldn't establish a process regarding the re-appointment. Dianne said we usually get a resume from person appointed to this commission. Kent asked if we couldn't send a note to the City Clerk's office asking them to alert us when an appointment is ready to expire.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / COMMENTS

Kent again welcomed Andrew to the commission and all welcomed him. Kent Miller asked if there was any further business. Being no further business Kent stated she would entertain a motion to adjourn. Gary Meyer made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Patty Sosa, All members concurred.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Dianne Lehmann Recording Clerk