

CITY OF FLORISSANT



April 26, 2021

LANDMARK AND HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MINUTES

The Landmark and Historic District Commission (LHDC) of the City of Florissant met via zoom meeting on Monday April 26, 2021 at 6:00 PM

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Commission members introduced themselves along with staff members, Phil Lum, Building Commissioner, Dianne Lehmann, recording clerk, Kent Miller, Chair, Christine Keil-commission member, Steve Frank- commission member, Gary Meyer- commission member, Patty Sosa-commission member and Steve Siebe- commission member.

ROLL CALL

Kent Miller, Patty Sosa, Steve Frank, Gary Meyer and Christine Keil were in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM. Steve Siebe joined at 6:15

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Gary Meyer to accept the minutes as submitted. Seconded by Chris Keil. Minutes approved

OLD BUSINESS

Item 1 **NONE**

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NEW BUSINESS

Item 1 Request COA for the exterior painting of the property at 621 Rue St. Francois more commonly known as the Senior Dining Center. Colors to be light Grey with trim accents in Olive Green and Florissant Red.

Phil Lum displayed a copy of the proposed colors. The colors are light Grey with trim accents in Olive Green and Florissant Red. Peggy Hogan senior coordinator for Florissant had guidance from Historic Florissant Inc as to picking the colors and felt this color pallet best represented the History of the building. Gary Meyer asked if all the colors were on the approved Old Town list and Phil responded yes Kent Miller, said he didn't see any problem with this request. He asked if we could get a motion to approved the COA as submitted. Chris Kiel made a motion to approve the exterior painting of the building at 621 Rue St Francois to a light Grey with trim accents in Olive Green and Florissant Red as submitted. This motion was seconded by Gary Meyer. All approved and the COA is granted.

Item 2 Discuss contacting owners of historic properties for re-designating their properties and contact new potential properties for designation as landmark properties.

Dianne talked about the increase in new owners for historic properties within the Old town area and said she thought now would be a good time to write a letter inviting them to re-designate or consider designating their homes as landmark properties. Kent Miller said that he thought this was a great idea and he would write a letter that can be sent.

Chris Keil asked if asked about the benefits of being a landmark property what would he say. Kent said he knew there were certain tax credits for being a historic property. Chris said these advantages should be included in the letter. Gary asked if we didn't have a letter that we have used in the past but Dianne said we should not use that letter has it was not a very welcoming letter. A discussion about past LHDC commissions was had and everyone agreed that LHDC as it is now is much more inviting to historic property owners than it was in the past. The letter should explain that LHDC can offer guidance and help with ownership of a historic house. Chris asked if a historic designation of a property was to the owner or the property address. Phil told her it would always stay with the property. Chris said this should be included in the letter, so people would know that the property would always be represented as a historic property.

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Phil Lum said that there are many benefits and the biggest one is to preserve the integrity of the historic property we have in Florissant. Gary Meyer said he had a host of reasons and all you have to do is google reasons to be a landmark property. Kent said he would like to concentrate on re-designation before we get in to new properties that have never been designated. Dianne suggested that two letters be drafted so we could address all interested.

Phil said that he would like to remind everyone that the City has funded and is in the middle of a comprehensive plan for Florissant and there will be a great concentration on the Old Town area. Chris asked when this would be finalized and Phil responded possible end of 2021.

Miscellaneous Business

Chris Keil asked if we have heard anything about the recent applications for grants. Phil told everyone that we have not been awarded any new grants nor have we been informed why we didn't get a grant. We continue to get application for new grants but have not applied for any this year so far.

Announcements / Comments

No new business no announcements

Gary Meyer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by seconded by Chris Keil.
Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Dianne Lehmann Recording Clerk