

CITY OF FLORISSANT



September 23, 2019

LANDMARK AND HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MINUTES

A motion was made by Gary Meyer to appoint Christine Keil as acting chair, in the absence of Kent Miller. Motion seconded by Patty Sosa, and all approved

The Landmark and Historic District Commission (LHDC) of the City of Florissant met at the Florissant City Hall on Monday September 23, 2019 in the 2nd conference room at 6:30 p.m., with Christine Keil presiding as acting chair.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Commission members introduced themselves along with staff members, Dianne Lehmann, recording clerk, Steve Frank- member, Dan Call-member, Christine Keil- member, Patty Sosa-member, Steve Siebe, Gary Meyer .

ROLL CALL

Steve Frank, Dan Call, Gary Meyer, Patty Sosa, Dan Call and Christine Keil were in attendance. There being a quorum the meeting was called to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chris Keil asked if there were any minutes to approve. Dianne Lehmann asked to postpone the reading of the minutes until they could be disbursed for review, Chris Keil made a motion to table the reading of the minutes until our next meeting

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OLD BUSINESS

Item 1 Discuss the grant application approval to host the Missouri Struggle for Statehood traveling exhibit.

Dianne announced that Florissant and LHDC has been awarded the Missouri Struggle for Statehood grant. The City of Florissant will host the exhibit **September 16, 2020 – October 27, 2020**. We were granted our first choice of dates. This will coincide with the bicentennial celebration of St. Rose Philipian Duchesne and Florissant Fall Festival. Dianne said we have lots of work to do as the grant paperwork has just begun. Dianne talked about the diversity perspective and how it pertains to our area. We really want to be more inclusive of all people in Florissant and have a better understanding what it was like for all of the different people that were here over 200 years ago. She asked everyone on the commission to think about someone engaging that would be a good speaker regarding our early history. Dianne has contacted Carol at the Shrine and she has made contact with some of the Native American descendants of the area and will be giving us information. Dianne asked for everyone to reach out about African American descendants in the area. One contact may be the Assistant Superintendent of Ferguson Florissant School. He has written many books about the struggles of the African American people. I am not sure how early his history is. We need history of at least 200 years. Dianne reminded everyone if we are going to speak about diversity during our exhibit it will be important to include all persons in our community.

We would like to have some dynamic speakers that are really engaging.

Dianne also talked about the event that would highlight historic preservation. The commission talked about the necessity of compiling a list of contractors in the area that did historic preservation. She also talked about grants and tax credits that people owning historic properties may be interested in and the need to get better material on obtaining that information.

We need to compile lists of contractors that have done work in the area or if we have any tips that might help someone preform historic repairs on a budget. This information can be used as a nucleus of referrals. Dianne is asking everyone to get phone numbers of contractors that may be interested in attending an event. I would think this would be good for their business. Some suggestions were

Curtis Gun, Depenski House, Shrine windows, Christine Breadenkoetter for plaster person, Terry Turner, Meyers house, Steve Purgon, Roof contractors, windows contractors, etc.

Dianne suggested that LHDC contact the council regarding the appropriation of funds for Great Day in St Louis for the 2020 year. We could make it a fresh look by filming the show at the JJE Center with emphasis on parks improvements.

88 **Item 2** **Discuss the grant application submitted to SHPO for the historic review of**
89 **50 properties.**

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91 Dianne said we got confirmation from SHPO that they received our preliminary application and
92 responded with 4 pages of corrections and additional information that will be required to submit
93 the final grant application. Dianne said that SHPO wanted the commission to concentrate on one
94 neighborhood so our concentration will be the Old Town Historic area. Most of that research has
95 been completed and the final application will be submitted on September 27, 2019.

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97 **Item 3** **Discuss the on-site evaluation for LHDC. The on-site evaluation was held**
98 **Tuesday September 3, 2019 at 11:00 AM.**

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100 We had a new representative from SHPO this year, Kelsey Matson. We met with her on Tuesday
101 September 3, 2019 and she had an extensive list of questions and documents she wanted to
102 review. It appeared that most of our documents were in order. We did have an absence in our
103 resumes for our commission members. We will need to have a resume for each commission
104 member on file at all times. She felt our dedication toward working on unity within all of the
105 different historic organizations should be commended and understood how challenging that task
106 is.

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108 Kelsey expressed the importance of all commission members getting at least 10 hours of training
109 annually. Dianne said she will try to get a list of acceptable training programs and the dates
110 available. She will share this with the commission at the next meeting.

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112 **NEW BUSINESS**

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114 **None**

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117 **Miscellaneous Business**

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120 **Announcements / Comments**

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122 Chris Keil asked if there was no further business she would entertain a motion to adjourn. A
123 motion was made to adjourn by Gary Meyer seconded by Patty Sosa motion carried meeting
124 adjourned.

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126 Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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128 Respectfully submitted:
129 Dianne Lehmann Recording Clerk