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# CITY OF FLORISSANT

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6 **October 28, 2019**

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8 **LANDMARK AND HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

9 **MINUTES**

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12 The Landmark and Historic District Commission (LHDC) of the City of Florissant met at the

13 Florissant City Hall on Monday October 28, 2019 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> conference room at 6:30 p.m., with

14 Kent Miller as chair.

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16 **INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME**

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18 Commission members introduced themselves along with staff members, Phil Lum, Building

19 Commissioner, Dianne Lehmann, recording clerk, Kent Miller-Chair, Steve Frank- member,

20 Christine Keil-member, Gary Meyer- member, Patty Sosa-member, Steve Siebe-member. Also

21 present was Tim Lee, representing Old Town Partners.

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24 **ROLL CALL**

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26 Steve Frank, Gary Meyer, Patty Sosa, Kent Miller, Steve Siebe, and Christine Keil were in

27 attendance. There being a quorum the meeting was called to order.

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29 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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31 Kent Miller asked if the commission had opportunity to review the minutes submitted. Patty

32 Sosa made a motion to approve, seconded by Steve Siebe. All approved and motion carried,

33 minutes were approved.

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35 At this time Kent Miller asked if the commission would consider hearing new business to hear

36 Old Town Partners' request for a COA prior to other business. Chris made a motion to hear new

37 business, seconded by Patty Sosa all agreed and it was decided to move forward with New

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item 1 Request COA for the repair of the wood porch, railing and steps at 601 rue St. Charles commonly known as the Girardier House. Replacement material will be wood painted white.**

Tim Lee representing Old Town Partner explained that recently the group had inspections done of the house and it was determined that the front porch needed quite a bit of repair. This included spindles, hand rails and floor boards. Handyman True Value Hardware is going to do the repair work. The work to be done is repaint the handrails and spindles in white to match the existing trim and replace in damaged or loose floor boards in the front porch and stain to match. Phil Lum explained to the Commission that this is a responsible request because this is a repair that will stay true to the integrity of the home. Kent Miller asked if there were any questions for the petitioner and there were none. Gary Meyer made a motion to grant a certificate of appropriateness for the repair and repainting of the hand rails, spindles and floor boards. All painting will be similar in color to existing trim and flooring. Steve Siebe seconded the motion, Steve Frank and Christine Kiel abstained from voting because they are members of Old Town Partners. Kent Miller, Gary Meyer, Steve Siebe and Patty Sosa voted in favor of the COA.

**Item 2 Request COA for the replacement of the existing cedar shake roof at 601 rue St. Charles commonly known as the Girardier House. Replacement material will be cedar shake.**

Tim Lee representing Old Town Partners explained during that same inspection it was determined that the roof was in really bad shape and needed to be replaced. After considering replacing the roof with a cedar like composite the group decided to replace the roof with cedar shake shingles which is what is currently on the roof and would be a more historically correct replacement. The cost is twice as much as the composite roofing but Old Town Partners wanted to stay true to the building. Tim Lee explained that COPAL construction would be completing the roof replacement.

Kent Miller asked if there were any questions for the petitioner and there were none. Gary Meyer made a motion to grant a certificate of appropriateness for the replacement of the roof with cedar shake shingles. Steve Siebe seconded the motion, Steve Frank and Christine Kiel abstained from voting because they are members of Old Town Partner board. Kent Miller, Gary Meyer, Steve Siebe and Patty Sosa voted in favor of the COA. Steve Siebe wanted to extend his gratitude to Old Town Partners for spending the extra money and staying true to the house. He wanted all members of Old Town Partner to know that it was the right way to move forward

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**Item 3 Request COA for the replacement of the existing cedar shake roof at 99 Rue St. Ferdinand commonly known as the Bockrath-Weise House. Replacement material will be cedar shake.**

Commented [DL1]:

Phil Lum explained that we have a very similar situation for the Weise House roof. The roof has sustained some storm damage. As a result of the damage to the roof there is a hole in the floor in one of the front rooms and damage to the walls and ceilings. Phil explained that the Parks Department has been using the home as storage and the home has fallen into disrepair. A recent trip to the house with the Mayor was promising as he ordered the parks personnel to clean up the interior and do some stabilization work to the exterior. The Mayor asked about volunteers that may help with the restoration. Dianne said she thought that wouldn't be a problem. Gary Meyer asked what were the plans for the building. Phil told him we had many interested parties for the building. The most pressing work needed on the exterior is to clean out gutter gardens and clean out the window wells to help eliminate the other water issues.

Chris asked who would do the roof replacement. Dianne answered that we already had a bid from COPAL construction but we would need to go out Kent Miller asked if there were any questions for the petitioner and there were none. Gary Meyer made a motion that we grant a certificate of appropriateness for the replacement of the roof with cedar shake shingles. Steve Siebe seconded the motion. The commission members voted in favor of the COA. Steve Siebe said it was commendable that The City of Florissant will spend the extra money and repair the home with period shingles. He expressed the importance of repairs to a home that is on the National Historic Register.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

**A) Form a subcommittee – invitations and invitation list**

Dianne explained that she thought it would be best to divide into smaller groups and work on specific needs of the exhibit. The invitation and invitation list can be completed soon. That way we don't have to worry about that part. Dianne also said she thought someone still had the initial list from the Historic Treasures invitation list. That would be a good place to start. The City will pay for postage and printing. Patty Sosa, Christine Keil and Dan Call will be serving on this sub-committee.

**B) Form a subcommittee – guest speakers**

Chris Keil said she had some contacts with Native American historians and would try to get some names together of people we can interview. Dianne

136 said we have an African American museum in North City and she is sure  
137 we could get some good contacts down there. We will be looking for  
138 someone that can speak specifically about the history of 200 years ago.  
139 Dianne also said we have a good contact at the Shrine with Carol. She has  
140 Native American contacts she will be sharing. Chris and Patty Sosa said  
141 they would be a part of this committee. Steve Siebe said he would like to  
142 be a part of this committee too. Steve said there was a good article in the  
143 Florissant Reports by Kathy somebody. We will need to get her name and  
144 inquire.  
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146 **C) Form a subcommittee – Social Media**

147 Kent Miller and Gary Meyer said they would head up the social media  
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150 **D) Form a subcommittee- program dates, agenda and approvals.**

151 Dianne said she and Phil Lum would be in charge of coordinating the  
152 various programs and getting city approval. Dianne said that we are having  
153 two separate events. One could be to hear speakers and show the historic  
154 treasure videos. The second event could be a vendor event that would host  
155 various vendors that specialize in historic preservation. We will also try to  
156 get a speaker like Bill Hart to speak about grants and tax credits for historic  
157 preservation. Phil suggested that the diversity theme should encompass as  
158 many groups as were in Florissant at the time of Statehood.  
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161 **Item 2 Discuss the grant application submitted to SHPO for the historic review of**  
162 **50 properties.**

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164 We have not heard from SHPO about the grant awards  
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167 **Miscellaneous Business**

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170 **Announcements / Comments**

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

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176 Dianne Lehmann Recording Clerk