

# CITY OF FLORISSANT



January 27, 2020

## 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 January 27, 2020 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor lunch room at 6:30 p.m., with Kent Miller as chair.

### INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Commission members introduced themselves along with staff members, Phil Lum, Building Commissioner, Dianne Lehmann, recording clerk, Kent Miller-Chair, Christine Keil-member, Steve Frank-member, Gary Meyer- member, Patty Sosa-member, Steve Siebe-member, Steve Gettemeier- Old St. Ferdinand Shrine, Kevin Carpenter – KDC Automotive

### ROLL CALL

Gary Meyer, Patty Sosa, Kent Miller, Steve Siebe, Steve Frank and Christine Keil were in attendance. The meeting was called to order.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kent Miller asked if the commission had opportunity to review the minutes submitted. Gary Meyer made a motion to approve, seconded by Christine Keil. All approved and motion carried, minutes were approved.

At this time Kent Miller asked if the commission would consider hearing new business before Old business so we can hear St Ferdinand Shrine & KDC Automotive requests for a COA. Motion made by Gary Meyer seconded by Patty Sosa all agreed to hear new business first.

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**Item 1 Steve Gettemeier, representing Friends of Old St Ferdinand Shrine at 1 rue St. Francois is requesting a COA for screening to be installed around the cell phone equipment. Screening material will be Taylor Junipers**

Steve Gettemeier, representing Friends of Old St Ferdinand Shrine at 1 rue St. Francois is requesting a COA for screening made of Taylor Junipers to be installed around the cell phone equipment that would act as screening.

Steve stated that he needs approval from the Commission before he can present his ideas to the T-Mobile people. Steve explained that the Junipers would be approximately 3 feet wide when planted and could grow to approximately 15 feet tall. Steve explained that he would be doing this with Walpert Nursery and they suggested this particular tree because it does not get bag worms like some of the other green trees. A very small section would not be screened because it would conflict with the walk way that was used for the back entrance.

Gary Meyer said he felt we had discussed this method of screening at nauseum at our last meeting suggesting that the Shrine meet with a nursery to find out what would be most appropriate. The Shrine has done exactly what we asked them to do so Gary Meyer asked that we move forward and approve the COA. At this time Gary Meyer made a motion to approved second by Steve Sieve, all approved. **A COA has been granted to Old St. Ferdinand Shrine to use Taylor Junipers as a screening around the cell phone equipment installed at 1 Rue St. Francois.**

**Item 2 Kevin Carpenter owner of the new business opening at 575 N New Florissant is requesting for a variance for a face change to the sign located at 575 N New Florissant Rd. Sign will remain only changing name of business from Bill's Automotive to KDC Automotive Service & Repair LLC.**

Kevin Carpenter explained that he is not changing the dimensions or location of the current sign that Bill's Automotive has currently hanging. The only changes will be the name of the business will change from Bill's Automotive to KDC Automotive with the phone number. Dianne explained that Kevin did not have an opportunity to get pictures because he just came in to get his business inspection and Dianne encouraged him to complete the application for a sign variance from LHDC while he was at City Hall.

Kevin asked if anyone had questions, Phil explained that if approved by LHDC he would still need 2 sets of plans to submit to the building department to obtain his permit.

88 At this time Gary Meyer made a motion to approve a **variance to be granted to**  
89 **KDC Automotive for the face change of an existing sign at the property**  
90 **located at 575 N New Florissant.** Seconded by Chris Keil all approved. Variance  
91 granted.  
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93 **OLD BUSINESS**  
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95 **Item 1 Discuss the Missouri Struggle for Statehood traveling exhibit.**  
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97 **A) Subcommittee – invitations and invitation list**

98 **a. Patty Sosa, Christine Keil, Dan Call**

99 **B) Subcommittee – guest speakers**

100 **a. Dianne Lehmann, Phil Lum, Christine Keil, Patty Sosa,**  
101 **Steve Siebe**

102 **C) Subcommittee – Social Media**

103 **a. Kent Miller, Gary Meyer**

104 **D) Subcommittee- program dates, agenda and approvals.**

105 **a. Dianne Lehmann, Phil Lum**  
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108 At this time Dianne Lehmann explained that we have dates approved for the use  
109 of JJE. These dates are Sunday 10/4/2020 from 5:00 – 9:00 PM and Tuesday  
110 10/20/2020 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. Chris asked when the Fall Festival was and  
111 Dianne said it was 10/11/2020 so the exhibit would be up during Fall Festival.  
112 The exhibit would arrive on 9/16/2020 running thru 10/27/2020. Chris asked  
113 about the placement of the exhibit. Dianne explained that we would have both the  
114 lounge area of the civic center as well as the lounge area of the theater. Since the  
115 exhibit is large it will probably take up most of those areas. Gary Meyer asked  
116 that Dianne email everyone additional information on the exhibit along with the  
117 dates.  
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119 Dianne said we would ultimately want the exhibit panels to end up nearer the  
120 theater. Our idea is to have 2 evenings of special events surrounding the exhibit.  
121 The first on 10/4/2020 would be guest speakers that would give short 15 minute  
122 lectures on their specific area of expertise; ie Native American history, African  
123 American history, Missouri History etc. These speakers will be hosted in the  
124 Theater. Phil has already reached out to one person from UMSL, Professor Louis  
125 Gerteis, that is a Civil War Historian. We have not heard back from him. Chris  
126 asked how many speakers are we looking for and Dianne answered no more than  
127 six. Dianne said she may have a lead on a speaker as well. We are also hoping to  
128 get someone from the Shrine to speak about the St. Phillipian connection and  
129 bicentennial celebration.  
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131 Kent asked when we would want to start advertising. The spotlight for May  
132 articles will be due on February 3. Kent said if we get him pictures and  
133 information he will put together an article for the spotlight. We talked about  
134 different avenues to get the word out via social media and the different historical

135 groups. Dianne will email Kent and the commission pictures and information  
136 about the exhibit.

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138 Phil suggested that we title both of the events. Florissant Preservation Trade Show  
139 will be the name of the event on October 20, 2020. This event will have several  
140 contractors that are experienced in historic preservation and would be willing to  
141 set up a booth to show their material or skills. The trade show will be held in the  
142 gym and we can use as much or as little of the gym as needed. We will also have  
143 people speak that can share information regarding obtaining federal money and  
144 various grant opportunities. Dianne suggested that we invite Allison from SHPO  
145 to the trade show as she is the administer or Missouri Historic grants. Phil also  
146 suggested Bill Hart as a guest speaker at the trade show. His expertise lye in  
147 historic preservation and obtaining federal monies.

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149 Dianne said she and Phil went to a similar trade show several years ago in Webster  
150 that was extremely interesting. Chris asked if we would half to pay for vendors  
151 and speakers to attend. Dianne said we would have to off set the cost of travel for  
152 the speakers and some may even want a fee. That is what the \$2500.00 grant is  
153 for.

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155 Dianne reminded the commission that we will have to get a rather extensive  
156 invitation list together. Inviting everyone that was designated or on the national  
157 historic register. We would like to make sure that property owners that opted out  
158 of the re-designation process attend. We would like to encourage those property  
159 owners to reconsider becoming a landmark property.

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161 Dianne suggested that at the trade show we have information available to everyone  
162 that attends. These handouts should include what each contractor can do and  
163 information needed to contact them.

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165 Dianne handed out a list of all designated, undesignated and National Registered  
166 properties. She explained that the exhibit and the special events surrounding the  
167 exhibit should spark some interest. Our hope is that some new properties will  
168 consider becoming landmark or National Registered properties. LHDC should  
169 have a booth set up to recruit new properties. Chris asked why someone would  
170 want to be designated as a landmark. Phil said Bill Hart will be a perfect person to  
171 speak about the benefits of being a designated property. Steve Seibe said there  
172 was a lot of misconception about LHDC and what it is about. Hopefully events  
173 like this can help clarify some of those misconceptions.

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176 Chris Keil said she would write a letter for the Florissant Focus. Dianne will  
177 forward everyone pictures and information on the exhibit. The October 4<sup>th</sup> event  
178 will be called Florissant Struggles for Statehood. Patty Sosa said she is working  
179 on getting contractors together. Chris suggested that we devise a form to mail to  
180 contractors informing them of what we will be able to provide and what we will be  
181 expecting from them. Chris talked about contacting schools. Chris also asked

182 about including other historic groups to set up a booth at the trade show. Dianne  
183 asked what these individual groups would be bringing to the trade show. The  
184 general consensus was all historic groups will be invited but not to participate in  
185 the trade show.

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187 Steve Frank asked about the annual training the SHPO is offering in April. Patty  
188 Sosa, Chris Keil and Dan Call stated they wanted to attend. Steve Frank and Steve  
189 Siebe said they would let us know. The event is April 24 and the City will pay for  
190 registration fees and we can car pool up.

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192 **Miscellaneous Business**

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195 **Announcements / Comments**

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197 No further business was required so a motion was made by Chris Keil to adjourn the  
198 meeting seconded by Gary Meyer. Meeting adjourned.

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201 Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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203 Respectfully submitted:

204 Dianne Lehmann Recording Clerk