



KIRKWOOD LANDMARKS COMMISSION MINUTES

**Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. (Rescheduled from October 8)
Kirkwood City Hall, Main Level Conference Room**

Present: Commissioners Lynn Andel, Catherine Enslin, Mike Lewis, Andrew Raimist, Walter Smith, Judy Ward and Staff Liaison Amy Lowry

Guests: Scott Volding of 908 Mindy Lane, Beth Forsee of 123 W. Argonne Dr., and Monte Herring of 307 Central Place.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. **Approval of Minutes and Additions to Current Agenda:** Ms. Lowry noted that the Agenda needed to be modified to add Case No. 14-01 Amended to consider new column covers for West Side of City Hall. Motion to modify Agenda and approve the June 11, 2014 Meeting Minutes as is by Comr. Smith, seconded by Comr. Andel, and unanimously approved.
2. **Citizen Comments:** none
3. **Certificate of Appropriateness**
 - a. **Case #14-07, 711 S. Kirkwood Rd** (Landmark #93, Manor Grove) –Scott Volding of the Manor Grove Board of Directors presented the plans for a new parking lot that will add 62 spots for employee parking. Three houses that Manor Grove owns will be razed to create the parking lot and the properties, along with the vacated College Avenue, will be consolidated with the Manor Grove plat. The Commissioners discussed the two parallel driveways coming from Clay Avenue, the white vinyl fence along the new lot, tree protection/planting, the proposed rain garden/retention basin, and the three foot elevation change from existing property to the new lot. Comr. Andel made a motion to approve the parking lot plan contingent upon Metropolitan Sewer District approval and plat consolidation. Comr. Raimist seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
 - b. **Case #14-08, 218 E. Washington Ave** (North Taylor Historic District) – Monte Herring proposes to demolish the home. The 60-day automatic stay runs until November 10. Ms. Lowry presented the history and current photos of property and surrounding properties. Mr. Herring presented information regarding the poor condition of the property. The demolition will be set for Public Hearing at the Commission’s November 12 meeting. Notice will be sent to property owners in the surrounding area and in the North Taylor Historic District. The hearing will be advertised in the *St Louis Countian* and *Webster-Kirkwood Times*.

- c. **Case #14-09, 123 W. Argonne Dr** (Landmark #53, Old Fire House No. 1) – Beth Forsee presented the new “Sammy Soap” sign that will be attached in single letters to the building. The Commission discussed lighting for the sign (none proposed as yet) and the soap business. Comr. Raimist made a motion to approve the Sammy Soap sign as submitted. Comr. Ward seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- d. **Case #14-01 Amended, 139 S. Kirkwood Road** (Landmark #94, City Hall) – As the work on the west plaza progressed, the contractor found corrosive damage to the interior metal supports and all eight of the columns need to be replaced. This was not in the original design and thus needs to be approved by Landmarks and ARB. The Commission discussed the exterior glass fiber reinforced gypsum column covers as proposed by Casting Designs. Comr. Ward made a motion to approve the column shop drawings as submitted by Dickinson Hussman Architects and Casting Designs, Inc. Comr. Lewis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

4. **Old Business**

- a. **Update on Potential Historic Districts**
 - i. **Nomination of the 200, 300 and 400 blocks of West Argonne as a Historic District and set for Public Hearing** – Ms. Lowry presented the support for the Historic District from the property owners at 78%. The next step is to set the matter for Public Hearing at the Commission’s November 12 meeting. Notice will be sent to property owners and the hearing will be advertised in the *St Louis Countian* and *Webster-Kirkwood Times*. Comr. Raimist agreed to conduct a field survey with Ms. Lowry for classification of contributing and noncontributing resources.
 - ii. **Barrett Brae** – The neighborhood is still working on petitions and expects to come back to the Commission in December or January.
- b. **Design Guidelines for Kirkwood Landmarks & Historic Districts** – Ms. Lowry completed work on Parts I and II of the Design Guidelines. She proposed to meet with Comr. Enslin to review.
- c. **Nipher School Preliminary National Register Eligibility Assessment** – The Commission discussed applying for a CLG Grant to fund the work.

5. **New Business**

- a. **Board and Commission Training** – Ms. Lowry reminded the Commissioners of the mandatory Boards/Commission training on Sunshine Law, Conflict of Interest and Roberts Rules of Order on October 29 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- b. **Citizens seeking advice** to preserve their historic properties (if any) – The Commission discussed the proposal by Alanna Sablotny of the Kirkwood Public Library regarding a joint program for Preservation Week in May.

- 6. **Adjourn** - Motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. made by Comr. Andel, seconded by Comr. Ward and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Lowry, Landmarks Liaison