



City of Marietta

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Meeting Minutes-Amended

MARIETTA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

David Freedman, Chairman
Rebecca Nash Paden, Vice Chair
Martin C. Kendall
Carol Williams
Mark Kirk
Steve Imler
Christopher Campbell

Monday, March 2, 2020

6:00 PM

Marietta City Hall Council Chamber

Present: David Freedman, Steve Imler, Mark Kirk, Martin Kendall, Chris Campbell, Rebecca Paden, Carol Williams

Absent:

Staff Present:

Shelby Little, Planning & Zoning Manager
Robin Osindele, Urban Planner
Joseph Atkins, Board Attorney
Sandra Lloyd, Secretary

Forest Hills HD Representatives (for Discussion Purposes Only)

Ruby Mercier
Rolvin Lynch

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Freedman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

MINUTES:

20200208 Regular Meeting Minutes

Review and approval of the February 3, 2020 Historic Preservation Commission regular meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commission member Imler, seconded by Commission member Campbell, that the February 3, 2020 Historic Preservation Commission minutes be Approved and Finalized. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 6-0-0 (Commission member Williams absent for this vote)

BUSINESS:

20131378 Polk, Maple, Moon, Holland District

Continue discussion regarding the formation of this historic district; include any new information regarding area contacts.

Chairman Freedman has nothing new to add. Commissioner Paden added a suggestion to canvass door-to-door or to follow-up with Mike Pope (an architect), and resident of the area.

Commissioner Campbell inquired about the current status of the historic district designation for the area. Chairman Freedman answered that a group of citizens expressed interest in designating the area as a historic district and indicated that they would be willing to poll the residents to gauge the level of interest. He mentioned that Polk Street would be removed from the process as the residents did not embrace the historic district designation. It would mainly be "Moon/Holland".

Chairman Freedman will follow up with a few of the residents who expressed interest.

Discussed

20140385 Church Cherokee Historic District

Continue to discuss current status and any additional updates related to Church Cherokee Historic District signage.

Staff (Shelby Little, Planning & Zoning Manager) had nothing new to report. She will meet with Development Services Director Rusty Roth and Deputy Transportation Director Dan Conn to formulate a plan. Croy Engineering has not made any progress with their plans. Money will have to be set aside from the budget once again to complete the construction of the sign.

Discussed

Chairman Freedman made a motion to amend the agenda to hear the remaining items in the following order:

1. 256 Vance Circle - Preliminary inquiry presented by Mikal S. Vann (realtor)
2. Legistar Item 20200207 Customization of Design Guidelines by District
3. Legistar Item 20200212 208 Frasier Street-Landmark Designation
4. Legistar Item 20200209 Historic Preservation Commission Presentation

A motion was made by Chairman Freedman, seconded by Commission member Paden, that the order of the agenda be amended. This motion was Approved as amended and Finalized. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7-0-0

256 Vance Circle

Presented by Mikal S. Vann (Realtor)

Realtor Mikal S. Vann is seeking guidance from the Historic Preservation Commission for any construction, changes, or renovations that will or may have to be made at 256 Vance Circle (Forest Hills Historic District) as the home is in very bad condition. The potential buyer needs assurance that the Commission is aware of the condition of the property and aware of what will need to be done to make it livable.

The Commission members discussed the various items presented by Ms. Vann including demolishing and expanding the existing addition, new roof, (retain Dutch Colonial roofline) removal of aluminum siding, front porch. Discussed landscaping and removal of trees-Commission does not have jurisdiction over these items. Existing driveway may be paved. Buyer plans to live in the home on Vance Circle so this will not be a rental or a flip. There were no questions from either of the Forest Hills Historic District representatives present other than to say they would welcome the renovation of this property. Ms. Vann invited the Commission members to visit the property to look inside.

Commission feedback- Chairman Freedman indicated that there was nothing alarming about the project but the HPC will be in a better position to gauge once the changes are formally presented. The potential buyer should be provided with the guidelines prior to submitting the CoA(s).

Ms. Vann felt the discussion was helpful in that it would give the buyer assurance that the Commission was receptive to the proposed changes.

Staff (Planning & Zoning Manager Shelby Little), added to the discussion of Forest Hills by providing information about 234 North Forest which has been undergoing renovations for years. Permits were issued prior to the Historic District designation. Litigation lead to a settlement agreement that includes demolition of the house which will occur sometime in the future.

20200207

Customization of Design Guidelines by District

Discussion

Discussed

20200212 208 Frasier Street

Local landmark status for 208 Frasier Street.

The discussion regarding granting 208 Frasier Street historic landmark status originated from an email request sent by owner Marsha Durham. This constitutes an official request. Ms. Durham who is restoring the house, is looking to live there and wants to protect it.

The HPC would have to adopt and approve the guidelines which would then have to be adopted by City Council. Just as in approving an historic district, the landmark request would also have to go to City Council for approval.

The first step in doing this would be to develop design guidelines for the property. The goal at this meeting is to get a motion and a vote to move forward. Commission member Steve Imler volunteered to write design guidelines for 208 Frasier Street. Staff will send existing design guidelines from the three or four other landmark homes.

A motion was made by Chairman Freedman, seconded by Commission member Nash Paden, that the Historic Preservation Commission proceed with local landmark status for 208 Frasier Street. The motion was Approved and Finalized. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7-0-0

20200209 Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Presentation

HPC Commissioner Carol Williams will provide a brief overview of her experience at the 2019 Statewide Preservation Conference held in Rome Georgia.

Presentation

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Freedman adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM



David Freedman, Chairman



Sandra Lloyd, Secretary