

Historic Preservation Commission
November 18, 2024
City Hall, Edward & Martha Berry Conference Room

Attendance:

Members – Mark Snider, Mary Anne Reeves, Meghan Jennings, Cyrus Moore, John Valentour, Tim Anderson

Guests – None.

Absent – Richard Vedder and Bill Walker

Agenda

1. **Call to Order** – Mary Anne, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m.
2. **Disposition of Minutes** from the September 16 meeting.
 - Tim motioned to approve the September minutes.
 - Mark seconded
 - All in favor. None opposed. Motion passes.
3. **Old Business**
 - Updates: Lostro Building, & Presbyterian Church
 - Lostro Building
 - Meghan presented photos of the vaults in Lostro Building. Meghan will ask David and the Code Office for the copies of the Lostro Building construction plans again.
 - Mary Anne stated that she attended a Council meeting a couple months ago about the PACE financing The Lostro is receiving for energy efficiency improvements. She voiced that she still had a lot of questions.
 - Meghan clarified that the PACE program is managed through the State of Ohio and that the Special Improvement Energy District is the only local regulation which is required by the State. PACE funding is to be utilized for energy efficiency improvements to structures. Meghan stated that she did not have the details of how The Lostro was applying their PACE funding.
 - Presbyterian Church
 - Mary Anne stated that she talked with Reverend Martin and he expressed that he would like it to do after a Sunday service. Mary Anne stated that the church is heading into a busy season and that she will reach back out to Reverend Martin about a time. She stated that she would also like the Mayor to attend.
 - Mary Anne asked Meghan about press related items.
 - Meghan stated that verbiage for a press release needs to be submitted two weeks before it is to be published. She also shared that Jason Dudas with TGC is interested in creating a History Minute video on the Presbyterian Church.
 - Mansfield House
 - Tim asked if there were any updates on the Mansfield House.
 - Meghan shared that she didn't have any updates.
 - Mark mentioned that Court Street Coffee on East State Street could be a good tenant if her lease is up soon.

- The Commission discussed the option of having a coffee shop in the Mansfield House.
 - Mark mentioned that he would reach out to Court Street Coffee.
- Meeting with OU President
 - Mary Anne hasn't reached out to the President about scheduling a meeting.
- Presentation to City Council
 - Mary Anne hasn't reached out to Council to schedule a time to present.
- Paul Logue Memorial
 - Meghan stated that last month it was discussed to see about planting an oak tree on the Armory property.
 - Cyrus stated that he would reach out to Andrew Chiki.
 - Meghan stated that she would try to ask Andrew Chiki, too.
- Historic District Tax Abatement
 - Mark mentioned that the Commission previously discussed talking with the County Commissioners about creating a tax abatement program for improvements to historic properties.
 - The Commission discussed about who to talk with in order to learn more.
 - Mark mentioned that the county-wide CIC could be utilized and that the Commission could talk to Mollie Fitzgerald about it. He stated that he would talk to Mollie at a forthcoming meeting about the opportunity.

4. Announcements

- Mary Anne announced that the next scheduled meeting is December 9, 2024.
 - Cyrus stated that he cannot attend the December meeting.

5. Adjourn

- John motioned to adjourn at 6:05 p.m.
 - Tim seconded the motion.
- All in favor; none opposed. Motion passed.