

HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HAPC)

Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The April 6, 2016 meeting of the Oxford Historic and Architectural Preservation Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mike Kohus, Chair. Members present were Mike Smith, City Council Representative; Bobbe Burke, and Peter McCarthy, Planning Commission Representative. Dan Haizman, Amanda Cramer and Kelsey Sturgill were excused. Staff present was Sam Perry, Planner.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Ms. Burke made motion to approve the minutes of March 2, 2016 as written. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mr. McCarthy abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

HAPC-2016-04, 12 S. Beech Street, Wall Mural, Tom Uhl Applicant

Mr. Perry provided a recap of the wall mural pre-application that took place in 2015. Mr. McCarthy inquired about the pre-application process. It was decided to discuss the pre-application process during the agenda "Other Business" part of the meeting.

Mr. Perry noted that this was an application for voting. Mr. Perry described the placement, installation and materials of the mural and that the applicant had made changes to the design based upon the pre-application feedback. Mr. Perry noted that the mural would not be painted directly onto the wall since siding already exists on the building. Mr. McCarthy inquired about the definition of a sign versus wall mural. Mr. Perry responded that during staff review it was determined that the mural did not meet the definition for a sign.

Mr. Smith and Ms. Burke stated that they really liked the new design. Mr. Uhl and Mr. Prescher were present to answer any questions. Ms. Burke inquired if the applicant was happy with the new design. Mr. Uhl responded yes. Mr. Uhl noted that by having a framed mural that it could be dismantled and taken indoors if needed. Mr. Uhl shared how the mural would be constructed.

Mr. Uhl described the lighting for the mural.

Mr. Smith made motion to approve HAPC-2016-04 with the condition that administrative approval of lighting fixtures. Ms. Burke seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Ms. Burke suggested postcards that would explain the mural's design. Mr. Uhl stated they had been thinking the same. Mr. Perry stated that he has had a discussion with Mr. Prescher of a broader initiative and the use of art and murals and possibly the formation of a group similar to those in Hamilton and Cincinnati and bringing kids into it as a blanket community activity. Mr. Proescher stated that he has driven around town and found some walls of interest for future murals throughout the City. Mr. McCarthy inquired about the Duke Energy substation fence and possibly somehow hiding it. Mr. Uhl thought maybe the fence was there to protect. Discussion took place regarding the Duke substation. Mr. Prescher spoke about students and artists submitting designs for future murals.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVALS

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Perry shared with the HAPC that he had received a copy of the Section 106 Review of the Lawrence A. Williams Airport Hangar at the Miami University Airport. Mr. Perry noted it was very interesting information and that he felt the report did a good job of educating the process getting on the National Historic Register. Mr. Perry stated he was in contact with the person who did the analysis. Mr. Perry suggested the HAPC look over and if they had any questions regarding the review to let him know as he was the liaison.

Mr. Smith inquired about the signage for the new barber-shop Uptown. Mr. Perry responded that they had received approval for their sign.

Mr. Smith inquired about the Quizno signage status. Mr. Perry responded that Mr. Jung-Han Chen had been working with the site.

Mr. McCarthy stated that as representative for the Planning Commission he wanted to share with the HAPC that discussions have begun regarding the increased enrollment at Miami and that he felt it important for the Planning Commission and the HAPC to figure out where they want students to live. Mr. McCarthy stated he felt the increase of students affected the HAPC. Mr. McCarthy felt the HAPC may want to encourage historic restoration, provide incentives, and come up with creative ways and seriously think about this issue. Mr. McCarthy feels the HAPC needs to be involved with the Planning Commission. Where do we want to see the most density. Thinks input from this group is appropriate. Discussion followed.

Discussion regarding the demolition of structures Uptown and determination of significant historic structures took place.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Smith discussed historic walking tours in May. Ms. Sturgill is also on the Committee. Discussion regarding advertising took place.

GOALS

Mr. McCarthy suggested adding to HAPC Goals what to do with students as they relate to Uptown historic properties. Mr. McCarthy encouraged everyone to think about. Mr. Kohus asked that this topic be added to the Commission's goals.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.