

CITY OF ALLIANCE

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

3:30 p.m.

The City of Alliance Historic Preservation Commission scheduled a public meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room of City Hall, Alliance, OH 44601

MEMBERS PRESENT: Martha McClaugherty, Hans Tritico, Stacy Digianantonio, Robb Hyde, Mayor Andreani, and Development Director Joe Mazzola

- I. Call to Order: Chair Martha McClaugherty called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. All meetings are announced through several media sources and are open to the public.
- II. Approval of APHC Minutes from November 29, 2017: Motion to accept by Robb, seconded by Stacy
VOTE: Yea- All **- PASSED**
- III. Election of 2018 Officers
Martha McClaugherty was elected to be Chair
Robb Hyde was elected to be Vice-chair
Hans Tritico was elected to be Secretary
- IV. Schedule Regular Meeting Dates
Meeting dates were set for the 4th Wednesday of each month excepting July and December
- V. Reviewed 2017 Achievements
Alliance Historic Preservation Commission – Review of 2017 activities
 1. Established the East Main Street National Historic District
 2. Met three times at local landmarks: YWCA, Masonic Temple and First Christian/Feed my sheep
 3. Designated 114 East Main St. (Feed My Sheep, former First Christian) and 1623 South Freedom Ave. as local landmarks. Decided not to pursue Purcell/ Okey House or McCaskey Register.
 4. Had an ongoing disagreement with the City Planning Department regarding the demolition of houses without input from the AHPC.
 5. Proposed 904 E. Summit St, (which was slated for demolition) as a Local Landmark. The nomination was rescinded but resulted in an agreement with the City to inform the Commission of future demolitions in a timely manner.
 6. Welcomed new member Stacy Digianantonio who replaced Robby Barnhouse.
 7. Initiated a pilot project between the City and potential owners of delinquent properties to bring them up to code.
 8. Issued a COA to the YWCA for repairs to exterior window moldings, exterior roof brackets and the west wall.
 9. Looked at examples of Design Review manuals
 10. Acquired a DVD of all Alliance area properties on the National Register
 11. Attended a webinar on the National Register of Historic Places
 12. Created a handout for potential local landmark owners “Becoming a Local Landmark”
 13. Learned that salvage from demolitions in Alliance goes to: The Stock Pile, 1387 Clarendon Av. SW, Canton, 44710, 330-455-4585
 14. Attempted to interest the Stark Regional Planning Commission to consider the Heritage Home Program. We were put “on hold.”
 15. Successfully averted the demolition of 607 S. Freedom for the time being.
 16. Regretfully heard of the resignation of Richard Lott, Community Development Planner, at the end of June

17. Made arrangements for the Alliance Historical Society to receive the many blueprints of the First Christian Church that were being stored in a musty closet at Feed My Sheep ministries.
18. Reviewed "Finding Common Ground" the State Historic Preservation Office's document.

VI. Nominations in Process:

- The Purcell/Okey House was removed
- The Anointed Fountain Church was assigned to Kris, instead of both Kris and Joe
- McCaskey Register was removed
- Mount Union buildings were assigned to Robb instead of Hans
- Possible additions include: William Penn Club, Cantell Elks, North Lincoln School, 526 E. Columbia, Groom Properties (Former Alliance Hardware), Auld House (on hold), and the Bracher House (on hold).
- Rodman Library should stay on the list, Robb will talk with the new director in a few months
- 849 Parkway Blvd will stay on the list

VII. Signs for East Main Street Historic District

- Mayor Andreani will look into it.

VIII. Budget for Historic Preservation Commission

- Joe: There was a mistake. We do not have a formal budget for this commission. There is approximately \$2,000 for membership to Heritage Ohio and training out of the Block Grant money.

IX. Demolitions:

- The pilot project between the City and Moon Beam Properties is proceeding

X. Goals for 2018

- Consider creating local & national historic districts such as at Market St., Columbia, Overlook, West Park Heights (Parkway), Ridgewood, and Government Addition
- Tax credit project in East Main Street Historic District, including an educational component
- Signs for East Main Street Historic District
- Continue to develop rehabilitation projects
- List more landmarks
- Public education program

XI. Old Business:

- The repairs that were approved last year at the YWCA have occurred

VIII. New Business:

- Joe brought to the commission a building that is scheduled for demolition. It is at 683 South Liberty. It is not on our inventory and has been deemed a health hazard. After discussion, the commission found no problems with it's demolition.

IX: Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Tritico. Second by McClaugherty. ALL IN FAVOR.
Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 14th, 2018 3:30 p.m.