

# CITY OF ALLIANCE

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

3:30 p.m.

The City of Alliance Historic Preservation Commission scheduled a public meeting on Wednesday, September 26, 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, Development Director Joe Mazzola, Kris Benedetto

- I. Call to Order: Chair Martha McClaugherty called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. All meetings are announced through several media sources and are open to the public.
- II. Approval of APHC Minutes from August 22, 2018 with amendments: Motion to accept by Robb, seconded by Stacy

**VOTE:** Yea- All

**- PASSED**

III. Nominations in Process

- The nominations in process were discussed
- Kris spoke with Nick Myers, the pastor of Anointed Fountain Church. They are waiting to do some window repairs before listing the property.
- Ted Bowen, the son of the owners of 708 Liberty (Auld House) contacted Martha a couple times this month and has both asked for the nomination form and help filling the form out.
- Hans asked for a copy of the nomination form for 849 Parkway Blvd. Martha indicated that it is found in the procedures manual.
- Parkway Elementary has declined our request to be on the local register of historic places

IV. Signs for East Main Street Historic District

- The mayor asked for clarification on what kinds of signs we intend. A couple different options were shown to Joe and he will pass along the ideas
- There is a grant through the William G. Pomeroy society to pay for historic signage. Robb moved and Hans seconded a motion to apply for this grant. The motion was approved. Robb will work on writing this grant proposal.

V. Demolitions

- Joe distributed information on the proposed demolition of 1355 Woodland. The committee agreed that this is not a historically relevant property

VI. DeLeon Property

- Robb and Hans met with the president, VP for finance, and head of physical plant for Mount Union to discuss the future of the property
- Mount Union indicated that there are no immediate plans for the property but that renovation of the property would be very expensive (between half and one million dollars).
- Robb discussed with them the history of the property, the impact the property has had on the town, the possibility of tax credits and grants, and similar schools that have taken advantage of the tax credits
- The ideas were listened to and the University has agreed to let members of the Commission have a tour of the building.
- Robb and Hans are to follow up with Blaine Lewis to schedule the tour

VII. CLG Grant

- Robb and Martha are planning to put together a CLG grant proposal this winter that would help us add to and update our historic inventory list.

- This grant requires a 60-40 match

VIII. Tax Credit Project

- Joe reported that this is still possible but progress is still going slowly
- He also discussed the creation of opportunity zones

IX. Appointment Expiring

- Hans' appointment is expiring in December and he does not plan to renew his appointment
- Suggestions for a new member should be sent to the mayor

X. Robb's Talk

- Robb gave a talk on September 19<sup>th</sup> at Rodman Library. It was well attended by both the general public and members of the Government Addition part of town.

XI. Old Business:

- Kris' Summit St property is hoping to be done in the next month

VIII. New Business:

- The Ohio Land Bank Conference is coming up and will be focused on renovation of existing properties
- Alex Zumbar, Stark County Treasurer, has proposed a home loan program for county residents who would like to renovate or repair their home that would provide lower interest rates than other alternatives

IX: Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Robb. Second by Stacy. ALL IN FAVOR.  
Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 3:30 p.m.**