

HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

JANUARY 11, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Mark Weber. Commission members present were Scott Anderson, AJ Coleman, Susan Edinger, Jeff Oster, Victor Senn, Patrice Spitzer, and Mark Weber (7). Also present was Cody Grodi, Zoning Inspector. Mark Easterling, Deputy Planning and Zoning Administrator, arrived at 7:25pm.

Mr. Oster moved to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2020 meeting with the change on Page 2 under Application 28-20 from “Ms. Spitzer” to “Mr. Anderson”. Seconded by Ms. Edinger. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

APPLICATION 01-21 – Elissa Schmidt, on behalf of Taste of Toledo, is requesting a certificate of appropriateness to alter the existing awning on the property. The property is located at 109 Louisiana Avenue and is zoned C-2 (Central Business).

Mr. Grodi reviewed Application 01-21. Brent Wettle, Wettle Awning, was present via the AT Teleconference System on behalf of the application, and added that they are keeping the colors the same and replacing with a new awning covering.

Ms. Edinger moved to approve Application 01-21 as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Spitzer. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

OTHER BUSINESS

Law Director, Kate Sandretto, addressed the Commission regarding the most recent discussion surrounding Historic District Boundaries, and specifically noted two properties that are currently split in half within the District: (1) Elm House – the multi-unit, and (2) a portion of E. Second Street – that could potentially include eight houses that span from E. Second Street to E. Boundary Street. Ms. Sandretto referenced Chapter 1245.50(b) – The Commission shall notify the owner by mail ...” She added that her recommendation is for the Commission to reach out to the property owners and see their thoughts about being included in the Historic District. Ms. Edinger referenced the considerations in Chapter 1245.50(a) with regards to the properties being at least forty (40) years old, and Mr. Weber and Ms. Spitzer confirmed that these properties in questions are all at least that old. Ms. Sandretto urged the Commission that when they vote on said properties, that they articulate how the property qualifies under 1245.50(a), so that there is a solid record that will be sent to the Planning Commission. There was a brief discussion about the written proposal that the Commission would send these property owners. Mr. Grodi added that there are also a few houses on Pine Street that are partially within the Historic District. Mr. Weber confirmed that the Carranor Club desires to be in the Historic District, and Ms. Sandretto added that they will still need to provide a letter stating their desire. Mr. Grodi confirmed that he can take pictures of each of the properties with their addresses, and that the City will mail out these notifications,

including postage. There was a brief discussion about providing a PowerPoint to the residents about being invited into the Historic District. Mr. Easterling confirmed that the Administration wants clean boundaries that can be presented to City Council for their final decision, and he added that clean cut boundaries are simplistic and that they avoid small errors going forward. Mr. Easterling reminded the Commission that legally a property cannot be grandfathered in within the Historic District, i.e. Elm House. There was a brief discussion about the future concern for the property where Elm House is currently located. Mr. Easterling clarified that legally the Commission has to look at the District as a whole.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Alfaro