

Columbus Historic Landmarks & Preservation Commission

Local Landmarks Designation – Special Meeting Agenda

Monday, July 29, 2019 Columbus City Hall 6:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call:
Present: Carolyn Fredericks, John Salzwedel, Beth Altschwager, Jan Ulrich, Ruth Hermanson, Retta Kurth
Absent: Eric Lukasavitz, excused
2. Notice of Open Meeting: Given
3. Approve agenda: Motion: Altschwager; Second: Hermanson; Motion carried.
4. Guest – Joe De Rose – Survey & Registration Historian – State of WI Historic Preservation Office
5. Citizen Comment:
Pete Kaland: Concerning the designation of The Dering House
 - 1) Kaland questioned a journalist's claim in the Columbus Journal.
 - 2) Kaland mentioned the Library Board's opposition to the designation, and that donations were made to purchase of The Dering House and for future expansion.
 - 3) Kaland felt there was missing information or errors in the application:
 - a) Legal description
 - b) Written statement
 - c) Owner's consent

Following Mr. Kaland's comments, HLCP provided him with a complete Local Landmark Application packet, which he had previously not seen.

Patrick Vander Sanden: Vander Sanden stated that he had been in communication, and met with Salzwedel regarding the Application, as well as with Attorney Paul Johnson for clarification on legal description, map delineation, and owner consent. Also, VanderSanden stated according to his conferences with Attorney Johnson that any missing or incomplete information on the Application would be able to be added without deterring the progress of the designation.

Dan Wagner: Mr. Wagner spoke advocating the designation of 251 W. James St. – The Dering House, for Local Landmark status, as a representative of the Columbus Area Historical Society.

Carolyn Fredericks: Fredericks stated, referring to 251 W. James St. – The Dering House, that the intent of the CHLPC is to recognize the property as a Local Landmark., not to impede any possible future expansion to the Library.

6. Preliminary Review for Local Landmark Designation: Notification was given to all City Departments and the Library Board. Hermanson made a motion to accept the reviewed materials. Kurth seconded it. Motion carried.

1.

A. Conduct Preliminary Review pursuant to section 114-177 of the City Code concerning 251 W. James St. - THE DERING HOUSE aka Public Library Annex

B. Conduct Preliminary Review pursuant to section 114-177 of the City Code concerning 704 Chapel St. (approximate address) THE OLD BRICK WATERTOWER

Hermanson made a motion to accept the Preliminary Review as stated . Ulrich seconded it. Motion carried.

2.

A. Possible action concerning the nomination of 251 W. James St. – THE DERING HOUSE aka Public Library Annex for Local Landmark designation. Hermanson made a motion to accept possible action. Kurth seconded it. Motion carried.

B. Possible action concerning the nomination of 704 Chapel Street (approximate address) THE OLD BRICK WATERTOWER for Local Landmark designation. Hermanson made a motion to accept possible action. Altschwager seconded it. Motion carried.

7. Schedule Public Hearing for any Nomination that merits further consideration: Hermanson made a motion to go forward with the public hearing for THE DERING HOUSE. Altschwager seconded it. Motion carried. Hermanson made a motion to go forward with the public hearing for THE OLD WATERTOWER. Altschwager seconded it. Motion carried.

Hermanson made a motion to set the public hearing for the designated properties for Monday, September 9, 2019 at 6 p.m.. at City Hall. Altschwager seconded it. Motion carried.

8. Adjourn: Altschwager made a motion to adjourn. Hermanson seconded it. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:40.