

MINUTES

Landmarks Preservation Commission
Thursday, September 19, 2024

IN ATTENDANCE

Commissioners Present: Nancy Calkins, George Weight, Kristen Kallaker, and Von Alleman

Commissioners Excused: Mariah Hurst, Jeremy Fowler, Craig Child, Ellen Clyde, Lee Taylor, and Lyric Canaan

City Staff: Josh Yost, Community Development Director

The meeting began at 6:01 p.m.

1. Discuss commissioners' ideas to teach citizens about the history of Springville.

Commissioner Weight asked about the monthly historical presentation in the Civic Center lobby. Director Yost said the historical society used to sponsor those. Commissioner Calkins talked about recording things that happen in real life.

Commissioner concerns included getting the residents interested in Springville's History. There used to be a City birthday celebration, but that has been replaced with the Arts Festival. The Commissioners discussed the Black Hawk War: how it started, how it used to be commemorated, and how it is a touchy subject.

Commissioner Weight suggested using the quarterly newsletter as a platform to get historical information to the residents. Director Yost said we don't get much traction with it because most people don't receive a paper statement. Commissioner Weight wants to put the information in as many areas as possible. The Commissioners feel that the content needs to be gathered first. Director Yost said once we get the content, then we can decide where to put it. It could even be a curriculum plan for K-12.

Buildings and architecture should be part of what we do. Director Yost said that is the part he gets most excited about. Find ways to incorporate building information with stories that happened to the people.

The Springville Herald has been fully digitized. Commissioner Calkins said she has had trouble with special collections getting the information scanned in without taking years.

27:49 Director Yost talked about the Central Bank planned development changes. The cleaner's building would be torn down to accommodate their new offices.

32:02 The Commissioners assigned each other to come up with 2 ideas each for social media posts to send to Director Yost. Then someone can make them into a social media post.

2. Discussion of Historic District Property Owner Outreach

32:45 Director Yost suggested speakers who could come and talk to Historic District property owners, which can help those who are contributing or significant to learn its importance. Commissioner Alleman suggested ways to get them to a meeting and made sure that when they come, there was interesting information given. Director Yost agreed and said they could talk about incentives and grants. He needs to pick a date.

Director Yost mentioned he found out about windows being changed on a historic home and expressed concern. He said he would stop by tomorrow to talk to the owner.

3. Discussion of 2025 CLG Grant Project.

They decided to do another capital project at the library instead of doing another study. It needs a new electrical service. The sconces on the exterior need attention. Small restaurants are good for Carnegie Libraries. He has seen some around the country.

Commissioner Weight clarified that the City is wanting a private organization in the Carnegie Library rather than using it as City office space. Director Yost said yes, we want more people there. We can make some accessibility improvements if we have a business in there. City Staff does not feel it would make good office space. Bringing in a business will add to the vibrancy of downtown, which is in line with the Reframing Downtown plan. We have other buildings that the City can use for offices.

56:58 Commissioner Calkins asked about who is doing the house remodel they discussed earlier. Director Yost said it is a flipper. Commissioner Calkins said there needs to be a discussion because it is a contributing building and of a certain age. They discussed losing historical homes to people remodeling who don't understand the significance of historic homes.

They discussed Main Street businesses and who they have spoken to about reframing downtown, such as Jorge Mendez, John Child, John Sharp, and the owner of Gandolfo's. Director Yost had talked to Vaud Hanks, and it seems the daughters may not want to continue the business.

Director Yost brought up the Landmarks ordinance and how it needs more teeth to be able to accomplish things. We went to Council; they gave us advice that was hard to navigate.

Commissioner Child moved to close the meeting. Commissioner Weight seconded. The vote to close the meeting was unanimous and was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.