

Columbus Historic Landmarks and Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 25, 2024
105 North Dickason Boulevard

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ruth Hermanson at 4:00 p.m.

Attendance: Commissioners Ulrich, Altschwager, Hermanson, Elling, Kaland, Nichols and Gilbertson. Economic Development Director Mike Kornmann, Dave Bennett and Mayor Hammer were also present.

Notice of open meeting: Chair Hermanson noted that the meeting agenda had been posted and distributed per State Statutes.

Approve agenda: Motion by Elling, second by Altschwager to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Chair Hermanson noted that she and her husband may be applying for a local designation on their property on Warner Street.

Approve Consent Agenda:

The group reviewed the purpose and process of a consent agenda listing on the agenda. Following some explanation from Mr. Kornmann and Mayor Hammer, Motion by Kaland, second by Gilbertson, to approve the consent agenda, including meeting minutes of August 24, 2024 and Treasurer's report of September 17, 2024 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's report: as of September 17, 2024

- Susan Stare Auditorium Fund (CD)		\$ 19,148.88
- Water Tower Fund	253474	\$ 10,585.22
- Mary Poser/ Former Columbus Auditorium Corporation	2502700 (CD)	\$ 32,307.87
- RestHaven Improvement	255362	\$ 95,151.77
- Façade Improvement Fund	255707	\$ 131.86
- Columbus Pavilion ADA Accessibility Fund	250968	\$ 4,000.89
- CHLPC Account	187450	\$ 33,756.26

Treasurer's report on Summer Concert Series 2024: Treasurer Altschwager reviewed the expenses and income from the 2024 series. Total income \$7,004.02; expenses \$4,107.59.

Local Landmarks Designation and Local Designated Districts: The original National Register nomination survey identified 70 properties for inclusion in the District. Commissioner Nichols will follow up on preparation of a grant request to the State Historic Preservation Office for 2025 that would include public awareness, notices and preparation of a local designation application. Other members of the commission may talk with representatives of other community historic preservation commissions to identify alternate procedures or "best practices" for nominations.

Fundraising status for Resthaven: Commissioner Ulrich announced the award of an additional \$3,000 from the Columbus Area Endowment for the replacement of the front door on Resthaven. Possible

applications to WEDC Vibrant Spaces and Jeffries Foundation were rejected as non-eligible and too much outside control of the result.

2024 Wine Walk: The group agreed that they would not be able to staff a site.

Attendance at Wisconsin Historical Society Annual Convention: Chair Hermanson may attend.

Future Meeting Calendar: The group agreed to meet on **October 23 at 4:30 p.m.**

November 20th at 4 p.m.

December 4th at 4 p.m.

Motion by Altschwager, second by Gilbertson to adjourn at 5:20 p.m. Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Henry J. Elling, CHLPC Secretary