

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE

CLEVELAND HERITAGE COMMISSION

NOVEMBER 10, 2020

Members present: Jonett Valentine, Cetin Oguz, Lynn Shurden, Corinne Casanova, Judy Wilson, Mickey Thompson

Ex-Officio members present: Kenneth Taylor, Billy Trotter, Katie Portner, Connie McClellan, John White Valentine

Chair Lynn Shurden called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

After review of the minutes of the September 8, 2020 meeting, Corinne Casanova made a motion to accept the minutes with noted changes, Jonett Valentine seconded the motion. The vote was "aye" with no opposition.

After review of the minutes of the October 12, 2020 meeting, Jonett Valentine made a motion to accept the minutes with noted changes, Judy Wilson seconded the motion. The vote was "aye" with no opposition.

Old Business

Katie Portner, Assistant City Attorney, presented additional changes to the Heritage Commission bylaws. Commission members discussed the changes as presented and Jonett Valentine suggested other changes she felt should be made. Katie Portner will add those and present for approval at the December meeting. Mrs. Valentine made a motion that the following note be added to the meeting minutes until such time as the bylaws are approved:

The Cleveland Heritage Commission, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, makes legal the meetings of all members electronically, both past and present, until the bylaws are officially approved. All members attending via Zoom are considered present.

Judy Wilson seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor, with no opposition.

New Business

Mario Giles of Inventory Clothing and Manufacturing submitted an application to paint the exterior of the building at 114 North Street and to place a sign on the building. He spoke briefly of his plans to paint the exterior black and to place a black sign with white letters on the front of the building. He did not have the information regarding the size and construction of the sign at the time of the meeting. Chet

Oguz made a motion to approve the painting, and Judy Wilson seconded the motion. The vote was "aye" with no opposition. The Heritage Commission asked Mr. Giles to appear at a special call meeting when he has the information regarding the sign.

The Heritage Commission members then briefly discussed the process for applying for sign permits and possibly amending the application. Other municipalities or MDAH may have better online forms that we might look at. The commission will highlight their concerns and visit this again in future meetings.

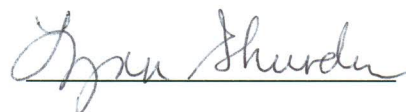
Amanda Roberts of Delta Family Dental submitted an application to place two signs on the exterior of her building at 201 W. Sunflower. Dr. Roberts was not available at meeting time. Jonett Valentine made a motion to table Dr. Roberts' application until the special call meeting, Judy Wilson seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor, with no opposition.

The three- year terms of Mickey Thompson, Judy Dilworth, and Corinne Casanova will expire on December 31, 2020. All three agreed to continue to serve on the Heritage Commission, pending approval of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Lynn Shurden spoke to commission members regarding the Heritage Commission budget. The grant which the Heritage Commission gave to the Bolivar County Historical Society was returned, as they were unable to use it for planned projects. A portion of the money which was earmarked for the downtown breezeway project has been used, but extensive work is still needed on that project. The breezeway committee is regrouping and still taking bids on the project. The Heritage Commission Budget currently has a balance of 52,015.26.

As there was no further business, Judy Wilson made a motion to adjourn, and Chet Oguz seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lynn Shurden".

Lynn Shurden, Chair