LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Minutes

May 23, 2019

Members Present: Ron Larson, Stephanie Brassington, Kathy Krusiec, Virginia Nichols
Members Absent: Gordon Kinder
Staff Present: Pauline Boness
Others Present: Chris Webster, Common Threads

1. CALL TO ORDER
   Brassington called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   Motion by Larson to approve the October 11, 2018 minutes, seconded by Nichols. Motion carried 3 ayes, 1 abstention.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

4. BUSINESS
   a. Discussion and set date to hold a public hearing to include 5979 Siggelkow Road as a local historic structure/site.

      Boness indicated review of standards as listed in the Historic Preservation code should be addressed by the Commission as a way to determine eligibility.

      Members discussed information on file regarding the history of the building. It was identified as one of the few remaining 20th century one room school house buildings by Louis A. Harrison a self-taught, well known, McFarland builder and architect. Larson noted, Harrison built other craftsman bungalow style homes on our local list of historic sites. The structure was considered "a fine example of a twentieth century one–room school, and retains excellent integrity" Based on file information, Commissioners considered all four designation criteria for inclusion as a local historic structure as having been met. Larson mentioned alumni of the school still meet.

      In response to a question by Krusiec, Webster indicated the board of Common Threads were comfortable with a local designation.

      Commissioners discussed the possibility of putting a plaque on the building. Nichols indicated at the time we began designating local historic structures, some recipients did not want plaques displayed on their homes. Webster stated, if the plaque was given to them at

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no cost, it would be displayed on the building. Nichols will contact the Historical Society who at one time had plaques made.

Webster wondered if the addition was also part of the national designation. Boness indicated she will look to see if we have any information in the office files.

Boness went through some possible dates for a public hearing. Commissioners preferred to look at their calendars and let Boness know what date(s) will work. Boness indicated to please respond to an email Karen will send out ASAP in order to meet the 10-day notification requirement.

b. Designation of McFarland as a certified local government.
Boness indicated a letter was in packets informing us our application was successful. Commissioners felt we should promote it. It was suggested contacting ComTech to discuss possibilities.

5. SCHEDULING NEXT MEETING DATE
Commissioners decided to use the public hearing date as their next meeting.

Krusiec would like to have an agenda item at the Commissioners next meeting to discuss the possibility of organizing a Christmas open house possibly the date of Christmas in the Village. Participating homes would be those having local historic/state/national designation.

6. ADJOURNMENT
Nichols moved to adjourn, Krusiec seconded the motion. Motion carried meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

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