



Heritage Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: June 4, 2024

Location: Council Chambers, City Hall

Commissioners Present: Mark Scherer, Lee Argo, Josh Guldner, Robert Prunte, Jr., and Sam Rushay

Commissioners Absent: Carol Dage, Duane Stephens, and Cori Tharp

Staff: Wendy Shay, Historic Preservation Manager

I. AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Guldner, seconded by Mr. Argo, and approved 4-0 (Rushay abstained) to accept the agenda for June 4, 2024.

II. MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Prunte, seconded by Mr. Argo, and approved 4-0 (Rushay abstained) to accept the April 2, 2024 meeting minutes.

III. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Review of Preservation Master Plan Goals & Objectives

Ms. Shay presented the goals and objectives outlined in Preservation Master Plan, adopted in 2019. She reported that some of the goals have been met including the completion of phase I of the Fairmount architectural survey, identifying a possible funding source for a no-interest loan program for locally designated properties, establishing a presence on social media, and creating a summer workshop program in 2022 and 2023 for historic property owners.

Staff will continue to address the remaining goals over the next five year period (2025-2029) as identified in the plan.

IV. REPORTS & COMMENTS

A. Public Comment

No members of the public present requested to speak.

B. Heritage Commission

Commissioner Rushay expressed his concern about how changes to the city's departmental organization may impact future funding and staffing for maintenance and repairs to the city-owned historic sites.

The Commission agreed to monitor the situation after the start of the next fiscal year on July 1.

C. Staff

Ms. Shay then gave an update on the restoration of the Truman Depot. While the project is moving ahead, it continues to progress slowly.

Ms. Shay then gave an overview of Historic Preservation Month activities that wrapped up in May.

V. ADJOURN

It was moved by Mr. Prunte, seconded by Mr. Guldner, and approved 4-0 (Rushay abstained) to adjourn.