



Heritage Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 1, 2025

Location: Council Chambers, City Hall

Commissioners Present: Mark Scherer, Lee Argo (arrived at 6:02pm), Carol Dage, Audrey Elder, Josh Guldner, Robert Prunte, Jr., Sam Rushay, and Duane Stephens

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff: Wendy Shay, Historic Preservation Manager

I. AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Prunte, seconded by Mr. Stephens, and approved 6-0 (Dage and Rushay abstained) to accept the agenda for April 1, 2025.

II. MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Prunte, seconded by Mr. Argo, and approved 6-0 (Dage and Rushay abstained) to accept the February 4, 2025 meeting minutes.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Chair

It was moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Argo, and approved 6-0 (Dage and Rushay abstained) to elect Mark Scherer as Chair.

B. Vice-chair

It was moved by Mr. Prunte, seconded by Mr. Argo, and approved 6-0 (Dage and Rushay abstained) to elect Duane Stephens as Vice-chair.

C. Secretary

It was moved by Mr. Prunte, seconded by Mr. Argo, and approved 6-0 (Dage and Rushay abstained) to elect Josh Guldner as Secretary.

IV. CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

A. Consider construction of an addition on a single-family home at 611 West Farmer.

Ms. Shay provided a description of the proposal. Raymond Chirpich, contractor, was present to represent the project. After some discussion, it was moved by Ms. Elder, seconded by Mr. Argo, and approved 6-0 (Dage and Rushay abstained) to approve the construction of an addition, as proposed.

B. Consider installation of new playground equipment and the removal of two mature trees at 200 North Delaware.

Ms. Shay provided a description of the proposed project. Kelsi Green, Assistant Executive Director for Mother's Refuge, was present to represent the project. After some discussion, it was moved by Mr. Prunte, seconded by Mr. Stephens, and approved 6-0 (Dage and Rushay abstained) to approve the installation of new playground equipment and removal of two mature trees, as proposed.

V. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

A. The 2025 Preserve Independence Awards

After some discussion, it was moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Ms. Elder, and passed 6-0 with unanimous support (Dage and Rushay abstained) to award Pam Fulmer a 2025 Preserve Independence award for "Distinguished Service."

VI. REPORTS & COMMENTS

A. Public Comment

Brent Schondelmeyer, 3704 South Grand, gave a presentation on plans for the restoration of the Englewood Theater.

B. Heritage Commission

Commissioner Rushay provided an update on the status of the current Tourism Commission and the transition to the new Convention and Visitor's Bureau (CVB). He is advocating for representation for the Heritage Commission on the CVB Board.

Commissioner Guldner volunteered to accept the Preservation Month proclamation at the May 5th City Council meeting.

C. Staff

Ms. Shay stated that she completed five Section 106 packets and submitted them to the State Historic Preservation Office for consideration. The submittals were for 1302 North

Vista Drive, 1222 West 25th Street South, 1905 South Hedges, 10517 East 26th Street South, and 10122 Linwood Court.

She also encouraged Commissioner participation at events for the upcoming Preservation Month celebration, May 2025.

VII. ADJOURN

It was moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Prunte, and approved 6-0 (Dage and Rushay abstained) to adjourn.