

CITY OF ALLIANCE

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

10:00 am Friday 24 June 2022

The City of Alliance Historic Preservation Commission scheduled a public meeting on Friday 22 June 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the second-floor conference room of the City of Alliance Administration Building, Alliance, OH 44601.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kristen Benedetto, Kay Brown, Dalton Kline, Martha McClaugherty, Thomas Sabatini, Development Director Joe Mazzola, and Mayor Alan Andreani.

- I. Call to Order: Chair Martha McClaugherty called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. All meetings are announced through several media sources and are open to the public.
- II. Questions Regarding Code Enforcement
 - A. M. McClaugherty questioned the enforcement of Interior Landmark Status, which was created to protect the interior woodwork of the Women's Club. It appears as though the new owner is planning to keep the woodwork, but what enforcement exists?
 - B. D. Kline suggest the AHPC's role is outreach, not an enforcement. It best works as a pipeline of information regarding landmark status as most owners of historical properties value their historic qualities. A ongoing line of communication already exists with the Women's Club owner.
 - C. Mayor Andreani notes a lack of institutional memory between the AHPC and broader community.
 - D. D. Kline also will outreach to the new owners of the Masonic Lodge to discuss landmark status.
 - E. M. McClaugherty asks how we know of new ownership of historic properties.
 - F. Director Mazzola assures that he watches all commercial transfers and will notify the Historic Preservation Commission of all relevant transfers.
- III. New Designations in Progress
 - A. Local Post Office
 1. K. Brown has sent letters to the local and Cleveland Postmasters regarding the local post office.
 2. Mayor Andreani warns that the layers of bureaucracy run deep at the Post Office
 - B. Alliance Courthouse
 1. Mayor Andreani read a 17 May 2017 letter from Judge Zumbar highlighting the problems with a 2017 AHPC letter requesting landmark status. He suggests that we begin with addressing these concerns
 - a. City council, not a judge, is the owner of the building.
 - b. The letter arrived without to required lead time.
 - c. The judge is only one of three elected officials in the building.
 - d. The request should likely go to city council.
 - e. The mural, of particular historical interest, is being preserved.

2. M. McClaugherty notes that the courthouse was paid for by subscription by local residents.
 - C. 336 E. Broadway
 1. K. Benedetto notes that the house is currently misnamed after a later, not the first, owner.
 2. M. McClaugherty asks if there's a motion to nominate 336 E. Broadway as an historical landmark.
 - a. D. Kline offers a motion to nominate it.
 - b. K. Brown seconds the motion
 - c. A letter will be sent by email to ask the owner to accept landmark status.
 - D. Purcell Mansion: Mayor Andreani suggest that personal outreach would be best.
 - E. Main Street Administrative Office
 1. Mayor Andreani notes that it will be like the courthouse with three elected officials and owned by City Council.
 2. D. Kline notes that work is already being done.
 3. Mayor Andreani notes that is for the new City Council home.
 4. D. Kline asks if the AHPC can advise on the renovations.
 5. Director Mazzola said he would connect D. Kline with Mike Dreger regarding renovations.
- IV. New pamphlets will be printed by the city and be sent to City Council, Office of Engineer, County Building Official.
- V. Tax Credits, Old Friends
- A. Tax Credits
 1. D. Kline will be leading a Tax Credit Workshop at 5:00 pm on 16 August at the Rodman Library, especially of interest for owners of income-producing historic properties.
 2. D. Kline has prepared an introductory letter with information connecting the owners of landmark buildings to tax credits and historical designations.
 3. The state has doubled the funds available for competitive tax credits, making the competition half as competitive.
 - B. D. Kline is reaching out to the owners of properties who previously received Landmark designation.
- VI. Government Addition
- A. M. McClaugherty notes that efforts to recruit landmark homes have fallen apart.
 - B. D. Kline suggests going house by house, perhaps with a form letter addressing the most common questions.
- VII. The potential tour of North Lincoln school has been too dangerous, per M. McClaugherty.
- VIII. The AHPC has received an invitation from Ohio History to add historic properties to Ohio History's Online Mapping System. D. Kline has volunteered to add Alliance entries.