

**Historic Landmarks and Preservation Districts
Commission Minutes**

ANNUAL MEETING

APRIL 16, 2015

The annual meeting of the Louisville Metro Historic Landmarks and Preservation Districts Commission was held on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at the Old Jail Building located at 514 W. Liberty Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

Commission Member(s) present:

Bob Vice, Chair
Scott Kremer, Vice Chair
Joanne Weeter
Bob Bajandas
Milton Haskins, Jr.
Chris Hartman
Reba Doutrick
Council Member Steve Magre
Emily Liu
Jim Mims

Commission Member(s) absent:

Jay Stottman

Staff Members Present:

Robert Keesaer, AIA, Urban Design Administrator
John Carroll, Legal Counsel
Cynthia Johnson, Historic Preservation Officer
Becky Gorman, Historic Preservation Specialist
Burcum Keeton, Architectural Projects Coordinator
Andrea Lauago, Associate Planner
Beth Stevenson, Management Assistant

The following matters were considered:

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

**MARCH 19, 2015 HISTORIC LANDMARKS AND PRESERVATION DISTRICTS
COMMISSION MINUTES:**

On a motion by Commissioner Bajandas, seconded by Commissioner Haskins, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Historic Landmarks and Preservation Districts Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the minutes of the meeting conducted on March 19, 2015.

YES: Commissioners Vice, Kremer, Bajandas, Liu, Doutrick, Weeter and Haskins.

NO: No one.

NOT PRESENT AND NOT VOTING: Commissioner Stottman.

ABSTAINING: Commissioners Mims, Magre and Hartman.

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CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS – BOB VICE

Chairman Vice thanked everyone attending the annual meeting. He said the commission also has a new member, Councilman Steve Magre, who is replacing Tina Ward-Pugh who retired.

Councilman Magre, said he is the new Council Member for District 10, due to Councilman Jim King's untimely death. He said he is delighted to serve the community in this capacity.

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District & Individual ARC Review Committee Remarks – ARC Chairs

OLD LOUISVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Herb Fink, Chair of the Old Louisville Neighborhood Association, said he has lived in this area for 45 years. He said he's concerned about fires in the area, and said one was arson. Mr. Fink said they are working with the city on at least 30 vacant and deteriorated buildings; and said there appears to be some confusion and difficulty for anyone who wants to purchase them. Mr. Fink said he would appreciate any help from the city regarding this issue, or else these buildings will eventually be demolished. Mr. Fink said most of the bike routes are completed in Old Louisville, and are also working on the city bike share program.

Mr. Fink said people in the community have worked hard since the 70's to protect historic buildings, and is a bit unsettling that they can only be involved in specific cases. Mr. Fink said over the past year, there were 80 applications for Certificates of Occupancy, and they were only involved in five of them. Overall, he said, their association would like to be more involved.

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CHEROKEE TRIANGLE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Carolyn Brooks said she agrees with Mr. Fink about becoming more involved when projects arise, including garages and carriage houses. She said the biggest development in Cherokee Triangle right now, is Willow Grande Condominiums high-rise. Ms. Brooks concluded that they have a new member joining the neighborhood association, Christopher Quirk, who is an architect, and will be a great asset to the association.

Commissioner Bajandas said they should discuss citizen participation, since it is such an integral part of what ARC does. Chairman Vice said the only thing that has changed, is not reviewing garages/outbuildings. Bob Keesaer, Urban Design Administrator, said citizens can build garages without a permit if its 200 square feet or less, so ARC would not be involved. He said they are still reviewing carriage houses.

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LIMERICK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Dennis Lally with the Limerick ARC Committee, said there is not a lot going on in his neighborhood, but would like to be more involved in the process.

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CLIFTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Phil Samuel said he is a member of the Clifton Guidelines Drafting Task Force, and went through 9 months of intensive meetings to update the guidelines. He said some of the updates will be reviewed by the Landmarks Commission, but may be awhile before this transpires. He said once these guidelines are approved, they will start on 10 other guidelines.

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**2014 HISTORIC LANDMARKS AND PRESERVATION DISTRICTS ANNUAL
REPORT—BOB KEESAER, URBAN DESIGN ADMINISTRATOR**

Bob Keesaer, Urban Design Administrator, for Planning & Design Services, discussed an overview of the 2014 Annual Report. He said the report contains information regarding the economic impact of preservation; the Historic Structure Plaque Program; National Register Nominations; Preservation Green Lab; the revised Clifton Design Guidelines; staffing issues; public outreach and number and types of cases reviewed. He said the economic impact of preservation appeals to outside investors, with a phenomenal growth of Capital Investment projects from approximately 10 million in 2011 up to approximately 60 million in 2014. He said construction investment has been increasing every year and expects this pattern to continue. Mr. Keesaer discussed the new Historic Structure Plaque Program; and National Register nominations. He said Louisville was selected in 2014 for Preservation Green Lab (PGL), a three year extensive study which focuses on financial tools, mapping and policy innovation, energy efficiency, community engagement and tax incentives. Landmarks staff have formed a team to assist in this program as it conducts its research and data collection. Mr. Keesaer said after successfully completing the Clifton Design Guidelines in 2014, they can now focus on Standard Design Guidelines which were last revised in 1997. Since this time, there have been advances in sustainable technologies, building materials and preservation methodologies. Mr. Keesaer said private investment in home additions, garages and carriage houses is increasing in the city, along with an expectation of more infill development. Landmark's staff also reviews properties being considered for demolition in coordination with Develop Louisville Office of Vacant and Abandoned Properties, where staff reviewed 182 structures and determined that 122 were contributing historic buildings.

Cynthia Johnson, Historic Preservation Officer, for Planning & Design Services discussed various properties that are on the National Register of Historic Places, with three others currently going through the process. She said they will keep the commissioners updated with regard to the Preservation Green Lab; and submit a letter to the other organizations (Preservation Louisville; Preservation Kentucky and the State Historic Preservation Office) informing them of this opportunity, and encouraging participation. Ms. Johnson said they will also be holding an "Ethics" training session, which can also be applied toward continuing education credit and professional development.

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**2014 HISTORIC LANDMARKS AND PRESERVATION DISTRICTS ANNUAL
REPORT—BOB KEESAER, URBAN DESIGN ADMINISTRATOR**

Commissioner Weeter said she would like all ARC members to have a copy of the information she submitted; and Chair Vice said to include the ethics pamphlet.

APPROVAL OF THE 2014 ANNUAL REPORT:

On a motion by Commissioner Bajandas, seconded by Commissioner Hartman, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Louisville Metro Historic Landmarks and Preservation Districts Commission does hereby **APPROVE** the 2014 Annual Report.

YES: Commissioners Vice, Bajandas, Magre, Liu, Hartman, Kremer, Mims, Doutrick, Weeter and Haskins.

NO: No one.

NOT PRESENT AND NOT VOTING: Commissioner Stottman.

ABSTAINING: No one.

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The meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.