

CHESTERFIELD HISTORIC AND LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 8, 2023

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Jane Durrell, Ann Chrissos, George Chrissos, Erin Compton, Lynne Johnson, Michael Kane, Cindy Somogy (phone), Dee Ann Wright (phone).

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Mary Ann Mastorakos

PLANNING DEPARTMENT: Petree Powell, _____

GUESTS: Council Member Merrell Hansen, Lauren Strutman

Chairman Erin Compton opened the meeting at 5:30 and confirmed the connection with two members on the phone.

The Minutes of the last official meeting on May 10, 2023 were edited and approved.

SPEAKERS BUREAU REPORT: Ann Chrissos gave a talk at Ascension Church. Erin will give a talk at the Bridgeton History Group on early Chesterfield settlers who had a connection with Bridgeton.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Planning Department Representative _____ gave a summary of the proposed renovation of a house on Lot 11 in Burkhardt Place, at 16658 Old Chesterfield Road. The architect, Lauren Strutman was present to answer any questions. Noted were additions like handicap accessible entrances.

Lynne moved and Jane seconded the motion to approve the appropriateness of the proposed renovations and site plan. The motion for approval was passed unanimously and will pass on to the Planning Commission.

Lauren also mentioned that there are three other old homes in the Burkhardt District which might be changing ownership and described the high expenses of renovating these homes for any non-residential use.

Petree Powell had recently sent an email to the CHLPC Chair clarifying her suggestions for the CHLPC."

Discussion on the role of the CHLPC as described in founding documents.

People made Chesterfield; not just Landmarks.

Elliot Brown, the new Assistant to Mr. Geisel discussed the CHLPC responsibilities with Council Members Mastorakos and Hansen.

Jane Durrell gave a history of why the Landmarks Commission was created by the City; such a Commission was required in order to get grants.

Several Members of the Heritage Foundation of Chesterfield stated that that Foundation was founded only to create a history museum and not to do all the non-Landmark commitments of the CHLPC.

Lynne has gone through both the City ordinance creating the CHLPC and the October 3, 2023 Memorandum from Justin Wyse and Petree Powell, to clarify the discrepancies in understanding between the Department of Planning and the CHLPC and to provide possible ordinances for future consideration."

NEW BUSINESS: Lake Schoolhouse

The City of Creve Coeur has offered the original Lake Schoolhouse which had been moved to a Creve Coeur park, to the City of Chesterfield. It has been estimated that moving the school back into Chesterfield could cost over \$250,000. Cindy noted that the CHLPC could not even talk about the financing of that move due to the City restrictions on Committees making money.

Jane made a motion , seconded by Cindy, that we tell Creve Coeur that the CHLPC is interested in having the old schoolhouse but we will first identify if there is any interest by families associated with the old school in saving it. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00. The next meeting is scheduled for January 2024.