

COURTHOUSE SQUARE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Be it remembered that the Courthouse Square Preservation Commission did meet in regular session on Wednesday, September 3, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. on the second floor in the courtroom of City Hall with the following members present:

Will Lewis, Chairman
Mike Overstreet

Andy Phillips

Phil Bailey
Watt Bishop

Tim Akers, City Planner
Katrina Hourin, Assistant City Planner
Tiffany Hatcher, Consultant
Alicia Thompson, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Will Lewis.

After the meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis, Commissioner Watt Bishop made motion to approve the August 4, 2008 minutes with Commissioner Phil Bailey seconding the motion. All present voting aye. The motion was approved.

Discussion was heard on the election of officers for the 2008-2009 term. After discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Mike Overstreet and seconded by Commissioner Phil Bailey to reelect all current officers for another one year term beginning October 1, 2008. All present voting aye. The motion was approved.

Discussion was heard on the policy of demolition by neglect. Consultant Tiffany Hatcher presented the Commission with changes to the proposal on the procedures for demolition by neglect. The Commission reviewed and discussed the changes to the proposal. City Planner Tim Akers recommended that the Commission consider either a site management plan or site reconstruction plan along with the proposal for demolition by neglect. Further discussion was made regarding the differences between site management and site reconstruction. After lengthy debate, Chairman Will Lewis called for a hiatus on the discussion to hear a continuation of Case #10 for The Lyric Theater.

Discussion was heard on a continuation of an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for The Lyric Theater located at 1006 Van Buren Avenue. Commissioner Watt Bishop recused himself from the hearing. Bradley Bishop came before the Commission to discuss alternate options for a sign to be located in front of the Lyric theater. He stated that he would like to install a marquee style sign and presented some different options. After lengthy debate he was instructed to provide the Commission with more information at its next meeting.

Further discussion resumed on the policy of the demolition by neglect. After further lengthy debate, motion was made by Commissioner Will Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Mike Overstreet to approve forwarding the policy on demolition by neglect to the mayor and board of aldermen for review. All present voting aye. The motion was approved.

Discussion was also made by Commissioner Will Lewis of his plans to restore the Downtown Grill to its original condition by removing the enclosure on the balcony.

Meeting was then adjourned by Commissioner Will Lewis. The next meeting date will be October 6, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.