

Washington Historic Preservation Commission Meeting  
Council Chambers of City Hall  
405 Jefferson Street  
Washington, Missouri 63090

Monday, February 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM  
Minutes

Call to Order - Roll Call

Present

Carolyn Witt, Chairman  
Joe McGowan  
Bryan Bogue  
Rick Hopp  
Deanna Fitzgerald  
Andrew Clary  
Tim Poepsel  
Tyler King  
Al Behr, City Council Liaison  
Jeff Patke, City Council Liaison  
Sal Maniaci, Economic Developer  
Sarah Skeen, City Planner

Absent

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes from Monday, November 12, 2023.

Motion to approve minutes by Andrew Clary. Second by Rick Hopp. All votes in favor.

Motion approved. Discussion held about future minutes summarizing meetings, in lieu of verbatim minutes. Moving forward, minutes will summarize - unless it is a public hearing, or an in-depth topic. Those items will continue to be verbatim.

New Business

1. Design Reviews since last meeting approved by email (to be put on record):

- a. 4 Lafayette St. - Falstaff sign at residence 10/24/2023
- b. 116 W. Front St. - Birdie's Bakeshop sign 10/31/2023
- c. 204 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St. - garage demo due to fire 11/9/2023
- d. 201 W. Main St. - new stairs and deck behind Bootleggers 12/11/2023
- e. 100 W. Main St. - Janet Marie Bridal sign 1/9/2024

Motion to put design reviews on record made by Andrew Clary. Second by Bryan Bogue.  
All votes in favor. Motion approved.

## Old Business

### 1. Potential Grants

The commission does not currently have any active grant programs. Discussion held about potentially getting signs to mark the historic districts, similar to the signs in Kirkwood, Missouri.

### 2. Education/Conferences

There is an opportunity through Missouri Main Street. It is the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization sub-grant program. In order to apply for the grant, you have to watch the webinar. This is for rehabilitation of commercial structures in a Missouri Main Street district. That webinar is Friday, February 16, 2024, for those interested. It is an opportunity for building owners or potential building owners to fix up their facades and/or buildings. It is similar to what the Historic Washington Foundation offers. Currently, the foundation is offering an up to \$25,000 matching grant, low interest loan program. It is \$25,000 per application. If all applications ask for \$25,000, the foundation can go up to a total of four. At this time, there are two applications to review. Also, there will be a national conference in Birmingham, Alabama from May 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>. Carolyn attended a webinar for the Missouri Brownfield grants. It was about remediation of historical property - removing asbestos, lead, etc - that you can get grants for. It is for commercial or residential to remove hazardous materials. It does not cover sewage.

### 3. Curb Appeal

Andrew Clary volunteered to take email suggestions for Curb Appeal and Creating New History. He will keep track of the nominations and they can be voted on at the next meeting.

### 4. Creating New History Award

See Curb Appeal.

### 5. Budget Report

Nothing new. If anyone wants to go to the Main Street conference, there is money budgeted for trainings.

### 6. Information Plaques for Historic Buildings

Nothing new.

### 7. Calvin Theatre

Nothing new.

## Other Business

The old VFW is/will be for sale. Carolyn is going to talk to Katie Dieckhaus about potentially nominating it as a designated landmark.

The meeting of the Washington Historic Preservation Commission ended at 6:33 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the Washington Historic Preservation Commission will be held Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

\*Full meeting recordings can be viewed on YouTube by going to [washmo.gov](http://washmo.gov), clicking on government, then live meetings.