

Minutes
Webster Groves Historic Preservation Commission
January 17, 2018

Members (5)

Present: Barbara Homeier, Mike McClorey, Patrick Murphy, Bill Stancil, Doug Stanley

Absent: Katie Ortwerth, Faye Betts, Anne Kelly, Amanda Clark

Council Liason

Frank Janoski, Council Member (E); absent

Staff

Mike Harney, Building Commissioner (E); present

Regular Meeting

1. 424 S Park Ave- discuss potential demolition of 100 year old home
 - a. Mike McClorey read the applicable city ordinance
 - b. Mike Luizza, the owner of the property wants to tear it down
 - a. No historic features
 - b. No valuable period salvage
 - c. Vacant for at least 90 days
 - d. Mold and water damage, foundation issues
 - e. 3-4 buyers passed on rehab
 - f. garage has caved in
 - g. sewer easement 28' off of property line; related to sinkhole in backyard?

Patrick asked if Mr. Luizza planned to build a structure that fit in. Mr. Luizza replied that he thought so but that nothing was "carved in stone". He also added that the "farm house look is real popular".
2. 546 N Elm
Bill Stancil is working on it. Should we make designation first and decide on the monument later? Where should the monument be sited?
Several suggestions were made on additional people to contact: Marylyn Bradley to see if she has aerial photos or plats, Clarissa Start, Ellie Wharton or Tom Cooper.
Discuss further at next meeting.
3. There are 17 Lustron homes remaining in Webster Groves. Patrick will work on what to do with these with Anne Kelly and Amanda Clark.
4. Lecture series. The committee has been dissolved. Patrick is ready to take on the responsibility. There is a sense of urgency, a \$1,200 grant is at stake.

5. Tuxedo Park

No one present to discuss.

6. Landmark/Historic District tree

We have found 4-5 people to provide us with a quote; we are putting the specifications together for the bid. There will be two trees with fifty plaques per tree.

7. Other Business

The issue of state government trying to reduce historic tax credits was briefly discussed.

Bill asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Mike McClorey made a motion which was seconded by Patrick Murphy.