

Landmark Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2018

Jefferson City Hall 150 N 2nd Street Council Chambers

Present: Mark Manning; Linda Baker; Ron Gilles; Edna Campau

Absent: Cleda Dawson

Staff: Lissa Davis, City Planner

Visitors: Jim Conser; Karen Wells

1. Meeting was called to order by Mark Manning at 2:00 p.m.
2. Old Business - Telephone call with Kerry Davis. She gave an update of their progress. Dan was in Jefferson last week and was able to get excellent exterior photos of both houses. He also spent the morning at the museum researching. He also did some chain of title research at the Marion County Assessor's office. Because both properties are located right outside of "town", much of the information was difficult to corroborate. She said will be the best source for primary information. She also told the Commission that Henderson was the owner of 320 Union back to 1920 – 1930. Still a gap of primary sources. She said 797 S Main chain of title goes back to 1947 only.

She advised that title chains are not just available through Assessor's offices but at title companies as well. The key question that must be answered is "how did we get there?". She appreciated the narrative Mark submitted but needs copies of primary source docs, even if illegible. That shows SHPO that we have them. Mark said Union Street was part of the Jacob Conser Land Grant. It was split up among his children circa 1890. However, Kerry believes the design and materials doesn't meet style, etc. for pre-1870. Kerry said that the placement of the house is against the railroad tracks. It was odd but not uncommon in that era. We cannot assume because of its proximity to the tracks means it was built before the railroad. Mark said that the current owner, Marti Cheek, was told by a member of the Henderson family that it was pre-1870, but didn't have verification. However, there's no evidence the Henderson's were here that early. She said necessary research to really pin this down is beyond the scope of this project. Ron clarified that any articles, documents, title deeds, etc. are the primary sources that connect the dots. He said BLM was the original government land office and may have scanned original surveys including hand written notes. Jim Conser stated that he has a 30" x 24" original plat. He will photo and send to Kerry. Mark and Ron said they will go back to the County, Ron thinks he may have some more leads. Kerry said digital photos or copies will be fine.

Commission discussed which entities have been contacted, to avoid duplication of effort. Kerry said the ILS will lay the groundwork for the next step, listing on the National Register. Kerry said the first draft is due the end of May so timing is important. She then explained what was needed for interior photos. Take photo from the corner of the room to encompass as much area as possible. Focus on key areas – entry parlor, dining room, main stairway, basically, whatever you see when you walk in the room. For Union Street, she said to also photograph "bones", nails,

saw cutting (as it has changed). In summary, to complete the project, she will need photos, plat, chain of title, and interior plans and photos.

3. There were no public comments.
4. Linda moved to approve the minutes from February 14, 2018 meeting, seconded by Ron. Motion passed unanimously.
5. New business – Joint meeting with Council and Historical Society. Jim said he and Karen visited museums in Brownsville and Adair Village. Each of them have by-laws, board, and mission statement. Mark, Lissa, Jim, and Karen will be at the council meeting. Linda suggested terminology for the request. She said we are requesting to form an ad hoc committee to determine future use of the Conser House, to include members from LAC, Historical Society, Planning Commission, City Council, and other important stakeholders. Mark will prepare a statement for the council.
6. Commission will be at Festival of Flowers on May 5th. Staff recommended getting a spot on Union Street rather than the gazebo which is off the main area. This would allow for more foot traffic. They want to run it like last year, with coloring sheets, walking tour brochure, and guessing game.
7. Set meetings for March 21st and April 25, 2018.
7. There being no further discussion, meeting adjourned at 3:12 pm.

Minutes approved this 21 day of March, 2018


Mark Manning, Chair

Attest:


Lissa Davis, Planner