

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
ST. ALBANS CITY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
6:00 PM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021
ST. ALBANS CITY HALL, 100 NORTH MAIN STREET

Approved December 7, 2021

Commission Members Present: Laz Scangas, Chair; Richard Stahl; Barbara Weinstein; Lisamarie Charlesworth (left around 6:45 PM).

Commission Members Absent: Joe Luneau; Lisa Evans.

Staff Present: Chip Sawyer, Director of Planning & Development

Public Present: Lyssa Papazian, historic preservation consultant.

- 1. Open Meeting. Chair L.Scangas opened the meeting at 6:02 PM.**
 - a. Introduction of attendees. Introductions were made.
 - b. Public Comment on issues not on agenda. None.
 - c. Discuss additions or deletions to agenda. None.

2. Discuss Historic District Update project.

Lyssa summarized the June 30 walk-through and said it was very productive to involve the VDHP and also get the local input. She submitted a summary.

Lyssa is currently working on the nomination forms and will access the lister cards for district properties. Planning to present the set of draft forms to the HPC in December.

There was discussion about what areas to add to the historic district. There was discussion that the buildings on North Main may potentially be their own district. Papazian suggested that a “windshield survey” could help the HPC propose new districts to the CLG program. HPC members stated a preference for doing a French-Canadian district around Holy Angels church.

Papazian was doubtful about including BFA in the updated district, because of its sprawling nature, and the Congress St. Baptist Church, because of the level of alteration over time. The old sheriff’s office suffers from the lack of connection to the courthouse. It was mentioned that the church could be contacted about the history of alteration to their building.

Lyssa would present the draft nomination forms to the HPC at the December meeting. She advised the final decisions on the boundary would be made after that – she would submit recommendations.

3. Discuss 2022 CLG grant program.

There was discussion about skipping this year's CLG grant round so the HPC could focus on the historic district update. However, the HPC could put in an application for another local organization that would like to use the funding. If there are building rehab funds available this year, the HPC would be interested in applying for rehab work at one or more of the local churches.

4. Approval of Minutes – Tabled, due to lack of quorum. (L.Charlesworth had left at 6:45 PM).
5. Other business. There was none.
6. Review next meeting date/time. Dec. 7 at 6pm.
7. Adjourn.

No motion, with a lack of quorum. Meeting ended at 6:56 PM.