

**MINUTES**  
**ST. ALBANS CITY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**ST. ALBANS CITY HALL, 100 NORTH MAIN STREET**  
**6:00 PM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

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**Commission Members Present:** Laz Scangas (Chair); Richard Stahl (Vice Chair); Joe Luneau; Barbara Weinstein (Via Zoom); Lisa Evans

**Commission Members Absent:** KarenMarie Peltier

**City Staff present:** Paul Olshan (Minute-taker); Chip Sawyer (Director of Planning and Development)

**Members of the public present:** Simon Walter

- 1. L. Scangas began the meeting at 6:03 PM.**
  - Introduction of Attendees
  - No public comment or changes to the agenda.
- 2. R. Stahl motioned to accept the minutes from Oct. 19, 2023, as presented. Seconded by L. Evans. The motion passed with all in favor. No additional discussion.**
3. L. Scangas started the discussion on the French Canadian Heritage District project.
  - C. Sawyer gave an overview of the memo and timeline of the project. This project would require a substantial amount of volunteer time (100 hours). There was a discussion on when the grant agreement would be ready. C. Sawyer mentioned that he'd have it finished by March.
  - L. Scangas noted that it would be preferable to complete the outdoor work during the summer (with nice weather). He asked if work could be started by the June meeting, and C. Sawyer confirmed that this was possible. L. Scangas wanted the RFP to be out by April.
4. L. Scangas began the Discussion on the historic buildings recognition program
  - L. Scangas brought up the Red House Sweets building fixing up their facade as a perfect example for the Historic Facade Award program. The award criteria came from Bellows Falls. L. Scangas thought it was "too loose" and wanted to create a subcommittee to rewrite the criteria that's better suited toward St. Albans.

- L. Evans, B. Weinstein, and R. Stahl all volunteered. L. Scangas requested a new criteria proposal by June from this new subcommittee.
  - J. Luneau recommended alluding to “restoring the integrity of the property.”
  - L. Scangas specifically requested a point system that could be important when people disagree with more subjective criteria (like colors or curb appeal).
  - L. Scangas wished there could be a plaque or something given as an award. (this would have to be funded specifically). C. Sawyer brought up a \$500 prize.
  - B. Weinstein brought up how Bellows Falls gave out plaques that sat on the outside of the building. This showed “pride of ownership” which could help with business. There was further discussion on plaques.
5. Other business
- L. Scangas mentioned that Lisa Marie resigned and Simon is the new director of the St. Albans museum. He will be meeting with the City Council for approval in April. He will hopefully be joining the commission.
  - Both L. Evans and B. Weinstein committed to staying on the Historic Preservation Commission.
6. L. Scangas reviewed the next meeting time and date. It was scheduled for June 11th, 2024 at 6:00 PM.
- 7. L. Scangas adjourned the meeting at 6:28 PM.**