

Village of Mantua – Landmarks Commission Meeting January 25, 2020

1. Meeting called to order at 10:05 AM
2. In Attendance:
Nick Ehlert, Toomas Tubalkain, Emily Hammonds, Ellie Stamm, Clark Magdych arrived late at 10:15AM.
3. Ellie motioned to accept the minutes of the previous meeting with 2 spelling corrections, Nick seconded and approved by all.

New Business

1. It was brought to the commission's attention by Toomas that a schedule of meetings was necessary and needed to be published. Toomas suggested the meetings be scheduled for the second Saturday of January, March, September and November at 10:00 AM in Council Chambers. Ellie moved to adopt the new schedule, seconded by Nick and approved by all.
2. Toomas presented ideas he saw from a Landmark Commission of Denver, Co. webinar about historic signage. This Landmark Commission required 3 dimensional signs within the historic districts and found that enforcement was relatively easy as it was more appealing for businesses to present a design as required by the Commission then it was to go through the cost and time of a zoning appeal procedure.
3. Murals also discussed; specifically re-painting existing "ghost" or old commercial murals. Current building owners would need to agree to the repainting and then it would be necessary to look for artists and funding for the project. Ellie said that her business would be willing to pay up to \$1,500 towards the cost of paint and artist.
4. Clark suggested the need to establish a list of eligible properties within the Village for Landmark consideration. He further suggested a letter writing campaign to the owners of these buildings to inform them of the pros and cons of having a property listed with the Landmarks Commission.
5. Clark suggested that we all look for local historical talks and seminars in order to see what other communities are doing. The Ohio Historical Society annual event held in Columbus could be one event of interest.
6. It was suggested that our members visit an Aurora Landmark Commission meeting to see what they are doing. Members will attempt to go to the meeting to be held on February 20, 2020 at 6:30PM in Aurora Council Chambers.
7. Clark motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 AM, seconded by Nick, approved by all.

Ellie Stamm, Secretary