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Summary

- The Irishtown Bend project is moving forward.
- A new building will go up on the site of Ohio City Farm.

Follow-Up Questions

- How are archeological sites determined?

Notes

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. The meeting rules were read; all commission members were in attendance. The [agenda](#) was followed as posted.

Commission members

Joyce Pan Huang, Director of City Planning

Julie Trott, Chair

Robert S. Strickland, Vice Chair

Michele Anderson

Deborah A. Gray, Ward 4 City Council

Jonathan Bonezzi

Michael Sanbury

Allan Dreyer

Raymond Tarasuck, Jr.

Carter Edman

Regennia Williams

There were four cases [on the agenda](#) presented for a [certificate of appropriateness](#). Each case was approved.

1. 23-053: Prospect Avenue Historic District HELP Six Chimneys – 3907 Prospect
(Tabled 6/8/2023)

Project representatives: Jessica Austin, Joyce Factory Direct; Doug Knoop, HELP Foundation Inc.

Summary: This request was previously heard in June. Knoop gave a presentation to address the requests of the commission to approve the project.



The stated issues were with the proposed windows and how the transoms would be addressed. A transom window is a decorative window that is placed right above a standard window or door.

The question of the window materials that would be used on the front of the building was also an issue. Knoop said that the project would not be able to go forward if the requirement for vinyl windows was not negotiable. He said that the cost of the replacements for the front facade, at an estimated \$85,000, was not within the budget of the organization.

Commission questions and concerns: The commissioners asked about the current window material, a phased approach to the installation, using a different material on the back and sides and the suggested materials on the front, and revisiting quotes from other vendors.

The commissioners agreed that financial hardship was a reasonable excuse to make accommodations for the foundation due to the nature of the project. The vendor explained how the windows will be installed to cover the transoms. A request for the

price comparisons showing the increase was made by the Landmarks review staff.

The Euclid Corridor Design Review previously approved the project.

The certificate was approved by a vote of 10/1 by the commission. Sanbury voted against the project.

2. Case 23-070: Immaculate Conception Church, school and rectory

East Preparatory Academy – 4129 Superior Avenue - Sign installation

Project representative: Christian Gnizak, CLE Signs

Case summary: Gnizak presented the request for the approval of an LED message center, single-sided sign that would stand parallel to the building on the front lawn.

No design review of this project, and no variance was needed due to current industrial zoning.

Commissioner questioned how bright the lighting will be. Gnizak suggested that the light is based on distance from the street and would not be very bright. The certificate was issued by a vote of 9 to 1. Anderson voted no.

3. Case 23-068: Ohio City Historic District

Ohio City Farm – 1500 Franklin Blvd. (Concept Review 7/13/2023)

New market building construction

Project representatives: Magdalena Young, Young Design Studio

Case summary: The presenter was requesting approval for new construction. The commission approved the project. The building will be located on the Ohio City Farm. A landscaping plan was included. The simplicity of the building design was complimented. A more decorative fence was recommended. The designer said hardware to be installed will withstand winter weather.

4. Case 23-085: Ohio City Historic District

1433 W. 25th Street demolition

Ward 3: Kerry McCormack

Project representatives: Tom McNair and Ben Trimble, Ohio City Inc.

Case summary: The presenters were requesting approval for the demolition of the building located at a corner of West 25th Street and Detroit Ave. The property will be demolished in phases as necessary preparation for the stabilization of land and development for the proposed Irishtown Bend project.

The Port of Cleveland is a partner on the hillside stabilization project. A representative said recent rainy weather is making her nervous about the hillside. The large billboard on top of the building will be replaced by three smaller units. One location has been identified, but the other two sites have yet to be selected.

A salvage plan was recommended, including opportunities to reuse some of the fixtures in the building. City Planning's Karl Brunjes gave a detailed historical account of the building. The site visit was held Aug. 15.

There will be an archeological dig on the site of the Irishtown Bend Archeological District in partnership with Cleveland State University.

A request was made for the final report and findings of the archeological dig to be provided to the commission.

The project was approved by the Ohio City Design Review and the commissioners unanimously.

McCormack called in to express his support for the project.

DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Bonezzi asked to be recused from this vote on appointments. The commissioners voted unanimously to approve the appointments as follows:

Ohio City – Maura Flaherty

Tremont-Brooklyn Centre – Lisa Maccora

Shaker Square-Ludlow – Danielle Cohen

MINUTES

The commissioners voted to approve the minutes unanimously for the previous meeting dates.

Oct. 8, 2020

Dec. 10, 2020

July 13, 2023

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Commissioner Bonezzi will be resigning after 2.5 years on the commission effective Aug. 24.

The City of Cleveland has a new website. The Landmarks Commission page will be updated in a later phase.

Future projects include the Cultural Gardens, Shaker Heights border, Jacobs Group demolition, transit-oriented developments.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: Sept. 14

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