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Summary

- Olympic Gold Medalist Jesse Owens' home was nominated to be designated as a Cleveland Landmark.
- The installation of an Ohio Historical Marker at the African-American Cultural Garden was approved.
- Lori Ashyk, executive director of Cleveland Cultural Gardens, told the commission that a grant was available to pay for the proposed comfort station in the [Centennial Peace Plaza](#).

Follow-Up Questions

- Should homeowners in historical districts have the final approval authorization on how they choose to renovate or remodel their homes?
- Have Ward 3, Ward 6, and Ward 9 constantly—and consistently—been the recipients of demolition, renovation and new construction? If so, why?
- Have the remaining wards seen an uptick in demolition, renovation and new construction? If not, why?

Notes

The Landmarks Commission meeting began at approximately 9 a.m.

Commission Chair Julie Trott read the **Preamble**. Next, Daniel Musson, secretary, read the **Meeting Rules and Procedures**.

● Attendance

Present at the roll call were:

- Julie Trott, chair

- Robert Strickland, vice chair
- Daniel Musson, secretary
- Regennia Williams
- Allan Dreyer
- Chris Loeser
- Michele Anderson
- Michael Sanbury

Also in attendance were: Cleveland City Council Member Deborah Gray (Ward 4) and Council President Blaine Griffin (Ward 6). Gray is also a commission member.

Find the presentation materials for this meeting [here](#).

● Certificates Of Appropriateness



■ Case 23-059: Euclid Arcade (Tabled 6/22/2023)

A motion was made to untable the case, and it passed.

Next, [Geraci's Slice Shop](#) (603 Prospect Ave.) co-owners Jason Beudert and Chelsea Williams proposed construction for a patio in **Ward 3** (Council Member Kerry McCormack).

Beudert apologized to the commission for the delay in his presentation and for his

“misunderstanding of the process.”

Commission members had questions regarding the artificial turf Beudert and Williams selected (if it was waterproof, its vibrancy, if it was bleed resistant, and self draining).

“We know that the turf is new to Cleveland. These unique, cool, trendy next-generation design elements have to start somewhere. I feel that we have done a really respectful and professional job in presenting it, and see what it takes,” Beudert told the commission.

A motion was made for approval, and it passed 7-1.

Click the following link for information about: [The Euclid Arcade](#).

■ **Case 23-082: Little Italy Historic District (Tabled 11/09/2023)**

A motion was made to untable the case, and it passed.

Next, Robbin Garcia, owner, and Fred Margulies, director of Retail Architecture at [Onyx Creative](#), proposed the new construction of a single-family home.

It is located at 1944 E. 124th Place (in Council President Griffin's **Ward 6**).

Garcia explained that several community members and residents approved, supported, and were excited about the new construction.

Griffin addressed the commission and expressed his “strong support.” He said that the new home would “add value to the neighborhood.”

A motion was made for approval, and it passed unanimously.

For more information, click on the following link: [Little Italy](#).

■ **Case 23-122: The Cultural Gardens (Previous Case 12-051)**

At 1070 East Blvd. (in Council Member Kevin Conwell's **Ward 9**). Carolyn Balogh, [Hungarian Cultural Garden](#) Committee project representative, proposed upgrades for the following:

- The Wings of Peace Sculpture
- Walkway
- The Bartok and Kodaly Monoliths

A motion was made for approval, and it passed.

■ Case 23-123: The Cultural Gardens (Previous Case 22-073)

At 890 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. (in **Ward 9**). Project Representatives: Lavita Ewing, the Association of the [African-American Cultural Garden](#); Carl S. Ewing; and W. Daniel Bickerstaff II, [Ubiquitous Design LTD](#) founder and principal architect. They sought approval of a previously installed Ohio history marker.



(Source: Dec. 14 presentation Landmarks Commission photos)

A motion was made for approval, and it passed unanimously.

■ Case 23-124: Ludlow Historic District

In **Ward 4** (Council Member Deborah Gray's ward), project representative Nick Hill, of the Home Corp. of Ohio, proposed to install vinyl siding and remove the shutters on the property located at 3052 Albion Road.

Commission members said that the owners of the property should understand the cost of the project and should be educated on renovating homes in historic areas.

A motion was made to table this case, and it passed unanimously.

■ Case 23-125: Grantwood Allotments Historic District (Previous Case 20-019)

In **Ward 9**, City of Cleveland project representative Alex Abramowitz proposed the demolition of the property located at 10834 Grantwood Ave.

The commission discussed the possibility that the property be renovated instead of demolished. Therefore, a motion was made to table this case. The motion passed.

■ Case 23-126: Grantwood Allotments Historic District (Previous Case 20-020)

In **Ward 9**, Abramowitz proposed the demolition of the property located at 10924 Grantwood Ave.

Again, the commission discussed the possibility that the property be renovated instead of demolished. Therefore, a motion was made to table this case. The motion passed.

● Concept Plans

■ Case 23-127 and Case 23-128: Ohio City Historic District

In the [Ohio City](#) Historic District (**Ward 3**), project representatives David Ellison of [D.H. Ellison Co.](#) and owners Ned Huffman and Sam Huffman proposed renovation and new construction at 4616-4620 Clifton Ave.

The commission suggested additions to the existing property's exterior.

Musson informed everyone that there was no need for a vote. Trott added that the commission looks forward to the final development of this project. *[Editor's note: The commission does not vote on concept plans. It reviews them and offers feedback.]*

■ Case 23-129: Ohio City Historic District

In the [Ohio City](#) Historic District (**Ward 3**), project representative Jack Kline of [Kline Construction](#) proposed an addition to the property located at 4304 Franklin Blvd.

There was no need for a vote. Therefore, Trott told Kline that the commission looks forward to seeing how the project progresses.

■ Case 23-130: The Cultural Gardens

In **Ward 9**, City of Cleveland project representative James McKnight proposed the construction of a public comfort station in the [Centennial Peace Plaza](#), located at 1051 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., inside of the **Cultural Gardens**.

McKnight told the commission that although portable restrooms were available, the only accessible restroom facilities available to the public were in [Rockefeller Park Greenhouse and Botanical Garden](#). Therefore, a comfort station was needed in the [Centennial Peace Plaza](#).

The commission expressed concerns about the visibility, safety, lighting and aesthetics of the comfort station.

McKnight said the comfort station would be seasonal. It would be locked when the park closes, monitored, well-lit and maintained.

Lori Ashyk, executive director of Cleveland Cultural Gardens, told the commission that a grant was available to fund the cost of the comfort station.

● Cleveland Landmark Nomination

■ Jesse Owens House

Margaret Lann, director of Preservation Services and Publications with the Cleveland Restoration Society, proposed that [Jesse Owens](#)' house, located at 2178 East 100th St. (**Ward 6**) be designated as a Cleveland Landmark.

2178 E. 100th
Street

1922 – Owens family moves to
Cleveland
1926 – Owens family lives on E.
90th Street
1930 – Owens family lives on E.
95th Street
• 1934 – Owens family lives at
2178 E. 100th



Summer Olympics 1936

Jesse Owens earns 4 gold medals



Jesse Owens, Olympic Gold Medalist

(12 September 1913 – 31 March 1980).



(Source: Dec. 14 presentation Landmarks Commission photos)

A motion was made for approval, and it passed unanimously. *[Editor's note: City Council must approve the designation.]*

● Meeting minute approvals

The following meeting minutes were approved:

- **June 23, 2022**

- **Oct. 26, 2023**
- **Nov. 9, 2023**

A motion was made for approval, and it passed unanimously.

● **Administrative reports**

- This was the last meeting of 2023.

● **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:02 p.m.

● **Next meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 11, 2024.

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