

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MOTION SUMMARY
September 27, 2017**

ITEM 1. Roll Call

Chairman Koch called the Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Members Present: Joe Coleman, Erinn Nicley, Sherry Riviera, Stephanie Van Gundy, Councilman Kyle Rohrer, Vice-Chairman Hatten and Chairman Roger Koch

Staff Present: Dave Efland, Planning and Community Development Director, Sean Hughes, Economic Development Director, and R. Thomas Homan, City Manager

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF MOTION SUMMARY of the Historic Preservation Commission meeting held on July 26, 2017, as recorded and transcribed.

Motion: Councilman Rohrer motioned to approve the amended Motion Summary of the Historic Preservation Commission meeting held on July 26, 2017, as recorded and transcribed, seconded by Vice-Chairman Hatten. Motion approved a by 6-01 (Coleman) vote.

ITEM 3. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. 2017-2403: A request by the City of Delaware for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the demolition of 20 East William Street which is zoned B-2 (Central Business District) and located in the Transitional Sub-District of the Downtown Historic District Overlay.

Mr. Efland reviewed the Zoning Code 1190.07 for demolition and the Concept Plan for Parking Lot Development. Mr. Efland discussed the increase to a 24 ft. wide drive aisle and the addition of parking spaces with the demolition. Mr. Efland reported that there is a potential to lose some on street parking. Mr. Efland discussed efforts to reach out to the neighbor to the east to have shared access to their parking lot, but that no interest was expressed.

Mr. Homan discussed the need to increase parking to the public and that the demolition of the building will increase the current parking availability and be easier to access. Mr. Homan plans for public parking to be available after working hours and weekends.

Mr. Efland did explain the appeal process that the city can proceed with if the Commission does not approve the request.

Mr. Hughes updated the Commission on current negotiations on a company that provides co working space utilizing the first floor of the Gazette building.

The Commission voiced concerns regarding the proposed demolition and the potential affects to the appearance and loss of a historically significant building. Mr. Coleman discussed other denied cases that were brought before the Commission requesting surface parking spaces and discussed the Parking Study and the need for a parking garage. Vice-Chairman Hatten voiced concerns over the gap to the entryway of the City. Chairman Koch recommended that the City look at demolition to the south section of the Gazette Building. Ms. Van Gundy recommended the use of trolley transportation for public transportation to surrounding parking lots.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairman Koch read into the record a letter received September 26, 2017 from:
Larry and Marian Vance
188 N. Franklin Street
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Mr. and Mrs. Vance wrote their encouragement to the Commission to deny the permit to demolish 20 E. William Street.

Chairman Koch read into the record a letter received September 25, 2017 from:
Maggie Schmidt
4050 Columbia Street
Hilliard, Ohio 43026

Ms. Schmidt wrote in the letter her support to save the house on 20 E. William Street.

Devon Hardwick
Preservation Ohio Representative
219 N Sandusky Street
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Mr. Hardwick informed the Commission that the potential demolition of 20 E. William Street was discussed at the recent Preservation Ohio Board meeting. Mr. Hardwick voiced concerns over the proposed demolition.

Mr. Homan recommended for the Commission to consider tabling 2017-2403 to allow staff to provide additional information.

Motion: Vice-Chairman Hatten motioned to table 2017-2403, seconded by Mr. Coleman. Motion approved by a 7-0 vote.

ITEM 4. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION

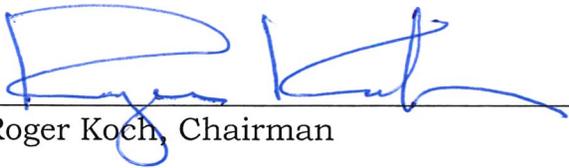
Mr. Efland discussed continued efforts to keep signage in compliance.

A discussion was held regarding the outside vestibule and process to permit use.

ITEM 5. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: October 25, 2017

ITEM 6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Coleman moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Nicley. The Historic Preservation Commission meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.



Roger Koch, Chairman



Elaine McCloskey, Clerk