

CITY OF ST. LOUIS
CULTURAL RESOURCES OFFICE
PRESERVATION BOARD MINUTES
JULY 25, 2011

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Callow, Chairman
Mary Johnson-Vice Chairwoman
David Richardson
Anthony Robinson
Alderman Antonio French
Melanie Fathman

CULTURAL RESOURCES STAFF PRESENT

Betsy H. Bradley, Director
Jan Cameron, Preservation Administrator
Bob Bettis, Preservation Planner
Andrea Gagen, Preservation Planner
Adona Buford, Administrative Assistant

Board member David Visintainer moved to approve the June 27, 2011 minutes. Board Member Melanie Fathman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ms. Fathman moved to approve the current agenda. Mr. Visintainer seconded the motion. The current agenda was approved.

PRELIMINARY REVIEW

A. 2011.1228 3900 Holly Hills Carondelet Park Bandstand

Owner and Applicant: City of St. Louis Parks Division

COMMERCIAL PLAN: Preliminary review to construct a new bandstand in Carondelet Park to replace the one that was burned and destroyed in June, 2011.

PROCEEDINGS: Jan Cameron presented a PowerPoint presentation illustrating the site and surrounding area, including a historic photo of the bandstand. She stated she had not seen the design of the proposed replacement.

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Daniel Skillman, Commissioner of Parks, City of St. Louis testified on behalf of the proposal. He stated that the historic bandstand was completely destroyed by fire. He showed an illustration of the proposed new bandstand consisting of prefabricated coated galvanized steel with a wood ceiling and asphalt shingled roof. Mr. Skillman stated that the bandstand would be placed on a concrete slab and that the site would be graded so that the bandstand would be accessible. The Carondelet Park Advisory Board has approved the design for the structure which would cost \$165,000.00.

Betsy Bradley testified, stating the need to consider whether the design and materials of this structure would be consistent with quality of the other park structures.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The Preservation Board finds that the scale and proportions of the proposed replacement bandstand are generally appropriate. The Board also finds that its relatively simple detailing is not compatible with the Victorian ornamentation that is typical of other structures in Carondelet Park.

ACTION:

It was the decision of the Preservation Board to approve the proposed design of the bandstand with the stipulation that the Cultural Resources Office review the final design to ensure that it is appropriate to the character of the park. The motion was made by Ms. Fathman and seconded by Mr. Visintainer. The motion passed.

SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS

Nominations to the National Register of Historic Places.

B. 2710-2716 Lafayette Avenue – Lafayette Garage and Repair Company

PROCEEDINGS:

Andrea Gagen presented a PowerPoint presentation on the property. George Lafser of Lafser Associates spoke briefly about the nomination prepared by his firm.

ACTION:

It was decision of the Preservation Board to direct the staff to prepare a report for the State Historic Preservation Office that the Lafayette Garage and Repair Company property meets the requirements of National Register

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Criterion A for Commerce in its relationship to the Multiple Property Document, *Historic Auto-Related Resources of St. Louis* under the context "Marketing and Servicing the Automobile in St. Louis, circa 1900-1955." The motion was made by Board Member David Richardson and seconded by Ms. Fathman. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Reber Place Historic District (roughly bounded by Arsenal Street, Kingshighway Boulevard, Southwest at the ally east of Hereford Street)

PROCEEDINGS: Jan Cameron presented a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed district. Lynn Josse spoke in favor of recommending the district for listing in the National Register.

ACTION: It was decision of the Preservation Board to direct the staff to prepare a report for the State Historic Preservation Office that Reber Place Historic District meets the requirements of National Register Criterion A for Community Planning & Development. The motion was made by Board Member Visintainer and seconded by Ms. Fathman. The motion passed unanimously

D. Presentation of grant project for a thematic survey of Modern Movement Architecture in the city, 1940-c.1975

PROCEEDINGS: Betsy Bradley discussed a preliminary grant application to the Missouri State Historic Preservation Office for a thematic survey of Mid-Century Modern Buildings in the City of St. Louis. She described how the survey will address all types of buildings built between 1940 and 1975. The project will include a Multiple Property Documentation form that will facilitate listing properties in the National Register of Historic Places. It will also include the identification of buildings eligible for such listing and designation as City Landmarks and an additional unit for the city's Preservation Plan.

E. Discussion of regulation of solar panels in Historic Districts.

PROCEEDINGS: Betsy Bradley re-opened the discussion of the approval of solar panels in historic districts. She provided a quick

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overview of the PowerPoint that she presented at the June meeting.

ACTION: The Preservation Board directed the Cultural Resources Office to conduct a survey of neighborhood groups in the City Historic District concerning their thoughts on solar panel regulation.

F. Discussion of historic district status and use of Preservation Review District criteria to consider demolitions.

PROCEEDINGS: Betsy Bradley noted that some discussion had recently occurred as to when the Preservation Review District criteria should be used to review demolition permit applications brought to the Preservation Board. So noted the categories and processes mandated by St. Louis City Ordinance 64689 and the fact that many districts are both City districts and districts listed in the National Register of Historic Places or are Certified Local Districts.

ACTION: The discussion noted that Ordinance 64689 indicates that for properties in local districts that are also National Register districts both the local district standards and the Preservation Review District Criteria should be used to consider the application.

Board Member Mary Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Antonio French seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.