

**CITY OF ST. LOUIS
CULTURAL RESOURCES OFFICE
PRESERVATION BOARD MINUTES
NOVEMBER 23, 2020**

Board Members Present

Richard Callow – Chairman
Melanie Fathman
Mike Killeen
David Richardson
Anthony Robinson
Randy Vines
Alderman Jack Coatar

Cultural Resources Office Staff Present

Daniel Krasnoff, Director
Jan Cameron, Preservation Administrator
Andrea Gagen, Preservation Planner
Bethany Moore, Preservation Planner
Deneen Funk, Secretary

Legal Counsel

Barbara Birkicht

Commissioner Richardson made a motion to approve the Preservation Board Meeting Minutes dated August 24, 2020 and October 26, 2020. The motion was seconded by Alderman Jack Coatar. The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM

A. CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH 2842 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD CITY LANDMARK DESIGNATION

Owner/Applicant: Central Baptist Church Board of Trustees

Dan Krasnoff recommended that the Preservation Board forward the Landmark Petition to the Board of Aldermen to designate the Central Baptist Church, 2428 Washington Boulevard, as a City Landmark. The character of the Midcentury Modern design of the church and the contribution of the congregation to the civic vitality of the Midtown neighborhood and St. Louis were the bases for the recommendation.

Gail Brown represented the Central Baptist Church Board of Trustees. She noted that the congregation would celebrate its 175th anniversary in 2021. Her presentation highlighted the congregation's significant contributions to social services, Midtown neighborhood development and the Civil Rights Movement.

Marlene Davis, 19th Ward Alderwoman, spoke in favor of the nomination. She said there are a number of historic African-American congregations in the Midtown neighborhood. She noted

that while physical development of Midtown has changed, Central Baptist has been a constant presence years.

Chairman Callow had to leave the meeting. Commissioner David Richardson assumed the Chairmanship of the meeting.

Alderman Jack Coatar made the motion that a Landmark designation bill, with a Landmark Preservation Plan, be prepared for consideration by the Board of Aldermen. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vines. The motion was approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by general consent.