

City of Montgomery
Planning, Zoning and Landmarks Committee
February 4, 2019

Staff Present

Brian Riblet, City Manager
Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council
Tracy Roblero, Community Development Director

Council Committee Members Present

Ken Suer
Lee Ann Bissmeyer

Committee Members Absent

Craig Margolis

The meeting of the Planning, Zoning and Landmarks Committee of City Council convened in Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m. with Mr. Suer presiding.

New Business

Historic Matching Grant Program

Ms. Roblero explained that in November of 2013, the Community Development Department proposed a Historic Matching Grant Program to assist Landmark building owners and owners of contributing structures in the Heritage Overlay District with repairs and upgrades. The idea was received favorably by the Planning, Zoning and Landmarks Committee of Council and the Financial Planning Committee Council in a joint meeting on November 4, 2013 and was approved by the CIC at its' meeting on February 5, 2014. In 2014, the CIC awarded a total of \$36,369 in grants to four Landmark building owners including, the Arstingstall-May Landmark, the Wooley-Kelsch Landmark, the Pure Oil Gas Station Landmark and the Grover Kjellenberg House.

Ms. Roblero stated the Montgomery Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) reinstated the grant program for calendar year 2017 and 2018 after a positive recommendation from the Planning, Zoning and Landmarks Committee of Council. In 2017, the CIC awarded a total of \$35,001.20 in grants to five Landmark building owners and one contributing building owner including, the Parrot-Smith House, the James Ayers House, the Cameron Feintheil House, the Crain-Eberhard House and the Country Arts Building. In 2018, the CIC awarded a total of \$5,600 in grant monies to the property owners of the Sycamore Messenger Building, a contributing structure on Shelly Lane to replace vinyl siding with hardiplank.

Ms. Roblero stated that staff would like the opportunity to discuss the potential for reinstating the Historic Preservation Matching Grant Program for the remainder of calendar year 2019.

Mr. Suer stated that the original intent of the program was to incentivize homeowners. He stated that this program demonstrates the City's commitment to maintaining the landmark buildings and that the demand has never exceeded the past budgeted grant funding.

Ms. Roblero stated that the Landmarks Commission provided feedback in which they would like for approval of applications that can be regulated by the zoning code and the Community Development Department, to not be required to come before the Commission. She stated that they suggested the language of the application to read similar to "proper approval" in order to allow flexibility of the approval process to be conducted by staff.

Mrs. Bissmeyer made a motion to reinstitute the Historic Matching Grant Program for 2019 with an amendment to the language to reflect the change in the approval process. Mr. Suer seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Other Business

Ms. Roblero stated that with the resignation of Doug Hughes, that there is a need to fill the vacancy. She stated that she would work with DeAnna Gross, Volunteer Coordinator, to determine if there were applicants who would be interested in serving on the Landmarks Commission. She stated that she would reach out to the Committee to update them and to schedule interviews for a future Committee meeting.

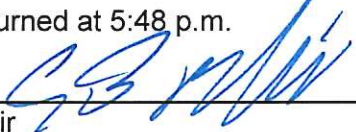
Minutes

Ms. Bissmeyer moved to adopt the minutes of the October 1, 2018 meeting of the Planning, Zoning and Landmarks Committee. Mr. Suer seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Adjournment

Mrs. Bissmeyer moved for adjournment. Mr. Suer seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

The Planning, Zoning and Landmarks Committee meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.



Chair