

CITY OF OTTAWA

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OTTAWA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (OHPC) June 13, 2024 Minutes

Present: Bob Eschbach Chris Hasty, Chuck Stanley, George Cary, Lorraine McCallister, Rich Mennecke, Mollie Perrot, Tami Koppen (staff)

Absent: Earle Lecki, Paul Havelka

Guests: Jay McCracken, Lara Ramsey

Public Comment. No comments

Minutes. Moved by George Cary that the minutes for OHPC meeting held on May 16, 2024 be approved. Second by Chuck Stanley. All ayes. Motion passed.

Signage for Local Landmark and/or significant homes. Offer downtown businesses the option of placing markers/signs on their buildings. Commission asked Jay McCracken, Ottawa Area Chamber to assist with gaging interest among business/building owners. The sign could be a brass sign, with a picture and/or QR code. Also discussed a window sticker.

South Bluff Historic Survey (CLG Grant). Lara Ramsey, Ramsey Historic Consultants, attended the meeting. She and Mollie met to review the research that had been previously completed by members of the commission. Tami inquired whether commission members could help review past permits in the project vicinity. They agreed to allocate two hours for this during the July meeting.

Ernest Hemingway sign. The dedication is set for August 3 at 4:00 PM. The sign has been ordered.

Jordan Block Sign and Frederick Douglass - Mark Twain – Methodist Church Sign

Tami's reported she reached out to other sign companies for quotes.

Promoting/Educating Historic Preservation Resources.

George started researching contractors/resources with historic preservation experience. Landmarks.org has a director of contractors.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Tami L. Koppen