

WEST CHICAGO HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 16, 2013
Approved at the April 23, 2013 meeting.

Members Present:

Janet Hale
Sharon Plante
Steven Schneider
Richard Vigsnes
Jennifer Timbrook

Staff:

Keith Letsche, Counsel to the WCHPC
John Said, Director of Community Development
Michael Guttman, City Administrator
John Fincham, Assistant Community Development Director
Sara Phalen, Museum Director

Guests who signed in:

David Sabathne
Cheryl Warterman
Shannon Gunther
Uwe Gsedl
Jeff Stibal
Steven Hale
Tony Wdowiarz
Michael Gunther
Wendy Meyer
Scott Fraser
Kent Orlandini
Donna Orlandini
Ginny Hamlin
Donna Keck
Milica Wolfgram
Steven Wolfgram
Patricia Ward
Merle Burleigh

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum

The meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. A quorum was established.

2. Certificate of Appropriateness Review

Continuation of Public Hearing on C.O.A. 12-20. It was reflected on that Commissioner Anthony Chinn resigned from the Commission, effective immediately due to schedule conflicts with work. A motion was made by Commissioner Schneider to convene the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Keck. Roll was called with a unanimous vote. After introduction of the applicants of C.O.A. 12-20 and property owners from the Turner Junction Historic District were made, a request for a continuance of the public hearing was made by Jeff Stibal. Mr. Stibal advocates for the preservation of the Wiant-Leedle House located at 151 West Washington Street and requested a continuance of the proceedings until June 4, 2013. The purpose of the continuation is to attain additional information from historic preservation experts that may or may not corroborate the City's findings and to complete a feasibility plan for a capital campaign to secure funds for the restoration project. A request to the City was also made by Mr. Stibal to consider continuing to receive RFQ submissions for the development of the property if a suitable candidate had not already been chosen. Commissioner Vigsnes asked Mr. Stibal if the historic preservation experts would be volunteer or would they be paid. Mr. Stibal responded that they would be volunteers. Commissioner Hale asked the City if there was any objection to the request which they responded, no. Commissioner Keck moved to accept the request for a continuation of the public hearing on C.O.A. 12-20 until June 4, 2013 and was seconded by Commissioner Schneider. Commissioner Schneider asked for clarification on whether or not the City would be amenable to continuing to accept RFQs on the property. Commissioner Hale noted that the request was made but that the City did not respond directly to

that question and asked if the City would like to respond. Mr. Guttman stated that the deadline for RFQ submittal had passed. The City had one applicant that they were in discussion with however; it would be unfair to open up the process again at the present time. Mr. Guttman also mentioned that if others were interested in submitting something in case something didn't work out, the City would accept it, but they would not formally open it up at the present time. Roll was called on the request for a continuation of the public hearing on C.O.A. 12-20 for June 4, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. and passed unanimously. There was no other discussion pertaining to the hearing. Commissioner Keck motioned to adjourn the public hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Timbrook. Roll was called and was passed unanimously. Commissioner Hale also noted that if persons were interested in receiving a copy of the findings of fact of the property to stick around after the meeting was adjourned.

3. Preliminary Review

NONE

4. Historic District/Landmark Update

NONE

5. Approval of Minutes

NONE

6. Other Business

NONE

7. Adjournment

A Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Schneider and seconded by Commissioner Keck. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. with an all aye vote.