

**LANDMARKS COMMISSION
CITY OF NORTH OLMS TED
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 12, 2011**

ROLL CALL

Mr. Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers and Mr. Dubowski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: David Neville, Dale Thomas, Albert Richner, Tom Dubowski, Paul Schumann,
Don Rerko, Bryan Walsh, Maryellen Davis

Absent: Robert Parry

Staff: Director of Planning and Development Kimberly Wenger, Assistant Law Director
Brian O'Malley, Clerk of Commissions Donna Rote

REVIEW AND CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to approve the amended July 11, 2011 minutes which passed 8-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Designation of Landmarks

o **25896 Butternut Ridge Road – report**

Mr. Richner said the proposal was set up following an outline with the intent to allow anyone who picked it up to understand the house's origins. He enjoyed researching and compiling the information. He believes that the report is ready to be sent to the Planning and Design Commission once a few of the photos are rescanned for better quality. Ms. Wenger said the next step would be to forward the report to the Planning and Design Commission for their review as it relates to the Master Plan. The commission can then have the required public hearing at one of its upcoming monthly meetings, inviting the owner of the property to attend to support or contest the designation. The office will send notice to the owner who she believes will be supportive of the designation. Both commissions' findings would then be submitted to City Council for action.

All members agreed the report was well written and thanked Mr. Richner for his hard work. Mr. Schumann said he thought the first landmark designation in the Historic District was a perfect start and significant being a Biddulph home. Members discussed placement of the landmark plaque being installed above the existing historic recognition plaque. Mr. O'Malley reviewed what should be discussed at the public hearing to ensure all substantive findings/criteria of Chapter 165.05 are noted on the record. Ms. Wenger said the criteria for designating the home a landmark must meet more than two characteristics of 165.05(a). The Commission will set the hearing for November 14, 2011 and work with the office to create a power-point presentation prior to the hearing. Mr. Schumann noted that landmarks first review of the home lists the home as being Italianate however it is a vernacular style home. For the hearing the commission will invite the property owner, Historical Society, local Boy Scout troops and city officials.

Mr. Schumann moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh, to forward the 25896 Butternut Ridge Road report to the Planning & Design Commission for their review, which passed 8-0.

o **4302 Porter Road**


Mr. Thomas said Helen Shaw who wrote a book on the Knight and Shaw families was recently in town. She doesn't believe the Knight family she researched was the same family who owned the Porter Road home. Mr. Schumann said the significance of the property is not who built or owned the home but rather the architectural construction. It is very unique as one of the only homes constructed from sandstone quarried locally and built in an Italianate style. Mr. Richner noted that George Biddulph's brother William Biddulph purchased the R. K. Knight stone house from S. H. Shaw. William's son Ralph Biddulph who founded the Basket and Feed Store was born in the Porter Road home and his brother Billy Biddulph was a local firefighter. Mr. Thomas said the commission would postpone the Porter home designation until the Butternut designation is completed.

Butternut Historic District Survey

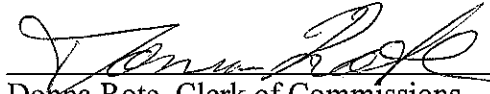
Ms. Wenger said the city finalized the contract with Chambers, Murphy & Burge Restoration Architects. The committee held a kickoff meeting and meet with consultants to provide them with copies of the existing OHI survey reports, maps and other documents to assist the survey. It was suggested the scope of work be expanded by using volunteers for two purposes. One meeting would involve inviting the community to bring interesting historical facts, documents/photos pertaining to their homes to be copied/scanned and recorded. A second meeting would involve volunteers conducting archive research to collect data on areas near or outside the Historic District. Mr. Schumann mentioned groups which could be contacted for assistance. The information could be used to look at whether the district should be expanded or another created. He noted that the consultants showed a strong commitment to meeting and exceeding the commission's goals. Mr. Rerko noted he was familiar with the group chosen and they are well known for doing complicated projects. Ms. Wenger said the CLG grant schedule must be met so expanding the research would be secondary. Mr. Thomas noted the Historical Society probably had documents which could be useful as well.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dubowski moved, seconded by Ms. Davis, to excuse the absence of Robert Parry and adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. which passed 8-0.



Dale Thomas, Chair



Donna Rote, Clerk of Commissions

Oct 10, 2011

Date