

**CITY OF EXCELSIOR SPRINGS
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING**

February 11, 2010, 4 p.m. Hall of Waters, 201 E. Broadway, City Council Chambers

Item 1. Call to Order/Roll Call.

PRESENT: Nile Brown, Sonya Morgan, Betty Bissell, Darryl Coutts and Earl McElwee

OTHERS PRESENT: Larry Murry; Building Official, Nick Pappas; Planning & Zoning Director and Kathy Twitchell; secretary to the Commission

ABSENT: Jim Bowman

VISITORS: Representatives from the Elms Neighborhood Association; Ben Mook, attorney; Keith Bowen, owner of Excelsior Bottling Company

Chairman Nile Brown called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

Item 2. Amendment of Agenda

Nick Pappas requested to amend agenda item 6. i) COA-sign approval-Tiger Cuts. A representative from Tiger Cuts could not be present.

Commissioner Morgan motioned to amend the agenda by removing the COA request for Tiger Cuts. Commissioner Bissell seconded. The motion carried.

Item 3. Approval of Minutes, January 27, 2010

Commissioner Bissell motioned to approve the January 27, 2009 minutes. Commissioner Morgan seconded. The motion carried.

Item 4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Item 5. Old Business

Highlights of the February 6, 2010 CLG Forum were discussed. Highlights included a presentation on a historic neighborhood in St. Louis, the roundtable discussions, meeting Bill Hart (Field Representative for Missouri Preservation) and the opportunity to have him visit Excelsior Springs to do workshops. Commissioner Coutts brought a statement made at

the forum: Historic Preservation is Economic Development. When visitors talk about the “character” of a town, the “character” is the town’s history.

Item 6. New Business

COA-sign approval-Tiger Cuts, 216 S. Marietta

Item removed from agenda.

Approval of Elm’s Historic District Boundaries

Maps of the proposed Elm’s Historic District boundaries were provided for Commissioners and visitors to view. Commercial property within the district includes Mill Inn Restaurant, Wabash Bar-B-Q, Excelsior Springs Bottling Company and the Elms Hotel. After discussion, it was decided that the old depot located across from Lewis Elementary would not be added to the boundaries but would be considered for nomination as a landmark designation.

Commissioner Coutts motioned to approve the Elm’s Historic District Boundaries as presented. Commissioner Bissell seconded. The motion carried.

Approval of Boarding House District boundaries

A map was provided for the proposed Boarding House District for commissioners to review.

Commissioner Coutts motioned to approve the Boarding House District boundaries as presented. Commissioner Morgan seconded. The motion carried.

Discussion on historic district designation process and timeline

Nick Pappas recommended to the commissioners to move forward with both the Elms Historic District and the Boarding House District. He felt the commissioners could work on both districts by dividing into two groups. Since the commission is meeting twice a month the first meeting of each month would be designated for COA applications and the second monthly meeting would be for workshops. The public meetings for each district will be held separately and each homeowner in both districts will be notified of the public meeting.

Item 7. Other Business

Staff Comments-Nick Pappas

Nick Pappas explained to the Commissioners that two grants are currently being applied for. The Save America's Treasures grant, for the Hall of Waters, will be applied for in May by Nick Pappas. The Preserve America Grant, is a marketing grant, being applied for by DEP.

Correspondence-Vice Chair Report

All commissioners should have received an invitation to attend the 2010 Preservation Honor Award scheduled for March 3rd.

Item 8. Comments from Commissioners/Chairperson

Commissioner Coutts would like to see Bill Hart from Missouri Preservation come to Excelsior Springs and do some workshops.

Item 9. Adjourn

Commissioner Morgan motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Coutts seconded. The motion passed. Chairman Brown announced the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

**The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for 4:00 pm.,
Wednesday, February 24, 2010, Hall of Waters, 201 East Broadway, Excelsior
Springs, Missouri, in the Council Chambers.**

Minutes prepared by Kathy Twitchell, Secretary to the Commission.

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