

Columbus Historic Landmarks & Preservation Commission  
Special Meeting with the Ordinance Review Ad Hoc Committee  
Wednesday, February 12, 2020  
Columbus City Hall

**Attendees:** Carolyn Fredericks, John Salzwedel, Ruth Hermanson, Beth Altschwager, Retta Kurth, Eric Lukasavitz, Mayor Michael Thom, Ed Johnson, Trina Reid, Pat Goebel

1. Call meeting to order: Fredericks
2. Properly posted meeting: Check
3. Approve agenda: Motion: Salzwedel; Second: Altschwager; Motion carried.
4. Discussion with Ordinance Review Ad Hoc Committee and possible recommendations on revisions to the HLPC section of the Columbus Zoning Code:

Discussion on ordinances from other municipalities (Lodi, Tomah, Green Bay, Monona, Black River Falls, McFarland). Thom expressed interest in the simplicity of the Green Bay ordinance, but stated there were already amendments to follow.

Discussion of how to handle a complaint to a structure on the local Historic Register:

- 1) A citizen complaint form must be filed with the HLPC.
- 2) Form goes to the Property Maintenance Team, headed by Matt Schreiber
- 3) Enforcement involving a fine by the Police Dep't.

Discussion of designated properties:

Fredericks and Salzwedel are working on a data base. Follow-up with the Register of Deeds to show restrictions on historical properties.

Johnson questioned the composition of the HLPC. He stated it would be wise to include an architect, a real estate agent, and a council member as part of the 7 member commission, to the extent practical.

Fredericks commented that a binder be compiled with basic information and rules for commissions on procedures such as time frame for notices, agendas, etc.

Comment was made that the City as the Certified Local Government (CLG) is required to submit an annual report to the State Historical Society on activities.

Follow-up meeting scheduled for March 24, 2020 at 6:30 at City Hall.

5. Adjourn: Motion: Salzwedel; Second: Altschwager; Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Retta Kurth, Sec.