

Minutes for the Farmington City Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, Sept. 23, 2024

In attendance: David Petersen, David Barney, Melissa Layton, Dorothy Arnold, Darren DeGraw, Shauna Wardrop, Kathy Cornejo.

Agenda items:

1. West State Street traffic data: Report by Dave Petersen. Data was collected by the meters in place for the last three months. State Street is considered to be a collector. For a collector, our traffic is below capacity. Average speed is 31 mph. David Barney highlighted how terrible it is for residents during the peak morning and even times. "Below Capacity" is clearly determined differently depending on one's perspective. However, the traffic engineer is interested in investigating the possibility of continuing 200 South through to the frontage road. In his words, "This would be a game-changer."
2. Demolition by neglect determination- 368 West State Street. – Discussion: should we apply the statute to this? Shauna Wardrop made a motion that we should proceed with this. David Barney seconded the motion, and a majority of the commission approved. Dorothy Arnold recused herself from the discussion and the decision.
3. Farmington Historic Plaque Program: Status: Progress is being made. Shauna is working on 18 totals. Three are complete, three nearly complete. Darren will pick up eight that are finished. There was a discussion about the Bourne farm, as to actual date of construction vs. owner's date of construction. This was resolved with inclusive verbiage.
4. Neal Sessions/Francisco Restaurant building–Architectural assessment. A section has been removed, and it appears that the potential restoration is possible. There are/have been water issues on the roof. We are considering the North and East faces of the building. Money. But the next step is getting bids from three contractors. Estimated cost: \$1.5 million.
5. Nomination of six historic homes to the MPS status: Sherrie said that all revisions have been sent to Corey Jensen. He lost them. They will be resent, and this should be wrapped up by the end of the year.
6. Other items: Tiffany Ames simply doesn't have the time to commit to doing the minutes, so Dorothy Arnold will finish the year.