

Farmington City Historic Preservation Commission

Monday January 27, 2025 || 7 pm || 160 S Main St.

Present: Dorothy Arnold, David Barney, David Petersen, Elise Allred, Shauna Wardrop, Travis Shepperd, Leslie Humphries, Melissa Layton, Kathy Cornejo, Dana Pushley Chapman, DeAnn Carlile.

1. Nomination of Elise Allred as secretary. Vote passed unanimously.
2. Rock Hotel Easement with Farmington City. The facility is short 80 spaces for its parking. A number of options are in front of the City, including landscaping alterations of the parking lot, the parking strip, enter into an agreement with the County, and vacating our ordinance. There are seven possible options in all.
3. Demolition by Neglect of the barn at 268 West State Street.
 - Travis Shepperd evaluated the condition of the barn and the restoration feasibility. Although some of the posts have rot at the tops and bottoms and it needs repointing of the rock, much of the foundation and some of the joists are in good shape, and the although the property looks terrible, at this point it is possible to rescue it. Travis is exploring a cost estimation. Discuss with Lagoon the possibility of moving the barn and then seeking inclusion on the Registry of Historic places, or seeking inclusion immediately. It was decided that Dana Chapman and Melissa Layton should meet with Lagoon to discuss options.
4. Deterioration by Neglect stats of 368 West State Street. Notice and photos were sent on Nov. 19. Dave Petersen met with the homeowner. We need a realistic schedule to remedy this situation. Failing that, a citation could be issued. It was recommended that the City at least seek a sit-down with the homeowner. Homeowner is behind on property tax. The recommendation for the issuance of a citation was passed.
5. The Commission was issued a reading assignment, to review the resolution and be sure we approve the update.
6. The Historic Plaque program is finishing up the existing orders. 12 orders are completed. A recommendation was made to limit the program to houses over 100 years old. We will include an overview the program in the Newsletter.
7. Neal Sessions/Francisco Restaurant building-status. The City Council is looking into an RDA which would be necessary for any taxpayer funds to go into the restoration.
8. Nomination of the six historic homes to the MPS (Theme: 1800s) status: waiting on the Feds. Things are looking good.
9. Minutes from November 25, 2024 meeting were approved.
10. No other items.