
HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION
AGENDA MEETING—APRIL 17, 2008--6:30 PM
ACTION SUMMARY

Commissioners present: Marvin, Sizemore, Meyer, Wiechert, Williams
Commissioners absent: Antle, Veatch
Staff present: Braddock Zollner, Burke, Parker

ITEM NO. 1: ACTION SUMMARY

Motioned by Commissioner Sizemore, seconded by Commissioner Marvin, to approve the March 20th, 2008 Action Summary.

Motion carried unanimously, 5-0

Motioned by Commissioner Sizemore, seconded by Commissioner Marvin, to approve the March 6th, 2008 Action Summary.

Motion carried unanimously, 5-0

ITEM NO. 2: COMMUNICATIONS

a) Ms. Braddock Zollner stated she received one letter regarding 1232 Louisiana Street and one letter regarding the nomination of the Fernand-Strong House, 1515 University Drive to the National Register of Historic Places.

b) Commissioner Williams stated he had a conversation with Larry Northrop who had asked what he should expect from the Historic Resource Commission meeting. Commissioner Williams stated he informed Mr. Northrop of the rules of the meeting.

Commissioner Meyer stated her husband was a law partner with the person who bought the home next to 1515 University Drive property.

Commissioner Sizemore stated the applicant for 1933 Learnard was a past co-worker and the two of them had discussed the application process and reviewed the design of the structure.

ITEM NO. 3: L-02-01-08 1515 University Drive. Public hearing for consideration of placing the structure located at 1515 University Drive (the Fernand-Strong House) on the Lawrence Register of Historic Places. Submitted by William Tsutsui and Marjorie Swann, the property owners of record. Adopt resolution recommending listing 1515 University Drive (the Fernand-Strong House) to the Lawrence Register of Historic Places and its associated environs definition, if appropriate.

STAFF PRESENTATION

Ms. Braddock Zollner presented the item.

APPLICANT PRESENTATION

Ms. Marjorie Swann stated the property had been purchased in 2000 and had been appraised as a tear down. She said the home was on a triple lot and when she considered purchasing it, there was interest from other parties but they had not wanted to preserve the house. Ms.

Swann said she wanted to preserve the home and did not want it to be vulnerable in later years.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dennis Brown, president of the Lawrence Preservation Alliance, said the house was a fine piece of architecture and he wished the owners luck with a State nomination. Mr. Brown stated he had lived within the environs of a National Register Historic District for over twenty years. He said it was time for the community to lose its fear of listing homes on the Lawrence Register of Historic Places.

Mr. Vernon Chamberlain, 1506 University Drive, said he lived in the home directly across the street from 1515 University Drive. He said the property owners were dedicated to the home and have been from the time they purchased it.

Don Conrad, 1506 Crescent Road, University Heights Neighborhood Association, stated he had read the entire proposal from the neighbors and he admired them. He asked what type of restriction would be placed on the neighbors. Mr. Conrad stated he found no real reason to object to the proposal but wondered how it would affect the neighbor's property.

Commissioner Sizemore stated 1506 Crescent road was currently within the environs of one other historic property.

Ms. Braddock Zollner stated certain maintenance projects like painting or adding a fence that meets the fence code would not require a review. She said an administrative review would only be required if a building permit was issued. Ms. Braddock Zollner stated she had received three telephone calls regarding 1515 University Drive and only one caller had opposed placing the structure on the Lawrence Register of Historic Places.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Commissioner Sizemore asked if there were two or three actions regarding 1515 University Drive.

Ms. Braddock Zollner stated there were three actions.

Commissioner Williams said he was appreciative of the history that was put together by the applicant.

ACTION TAKEN

Motioned by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Wiechert, to place the structure at 1515 University Drive on the Lawrence Register of Historic Places.

Motion carried unanimously, 5-0

Motioned by Commissioner Sizemore, seconded by Commissioner Marvin, to accept the environs definition noted by Staff.

Motion carried unanimously, 5-0

Motioned by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Wiechert, to endorse placing the structure at 1515 University Drive on the National Register of Historic Places.

Motion carried unanimously, 5-0