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MEETING MINUTES

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Videoconference (Zoom)
Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

The Historic Preservation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 via Zoom. The meeting started at 5:00 pm and concluded at 6:29 pm.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Robert Klahr at 5:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present

Donna Leach (*joined at 5:20*)

Chris Trahan

Robert Klahr

Ed Nichols

Helen Fuller

Staff Present

John Wagner, Director of Planning & Development

John Mulligan, City Attorney

2. Public Comments – none

3. Old Business

- a. **File Number:** HPC 23-02 (*Continued from February 16, 2023 meeting.*)

Address: 6900 Delmar Boulevard, 6901 Washington Avenue, 560 Trinity Avenue

Applicant: Stacey Wehe, AIA, Managing Principal, Christner Architects

Property Owner: RDI Real Estate, LLC, Grace United Methodist Church, Washington University – St. Louis

Request: University City Civic Complex: Design Review for Conformance with District Standards

THREE (3) VOTES REQUIRED: One for the Text Amendment, one for the Conditional Use Permit and one for the design's conformance with the University City Civic Complex Historic District Design Standards.

Dr. Wagner provided a brief overview of the project and scope and what has happened since the February meeting.

Ben Ellerman spoke about his concerns of the project.

Ruth Decker also spoke about her concerns about the loss of greenspace and increased traffic in the area.

Brad Hershey representing United Methodist Church spoke in favor of the project.

Sarah Oldam spoke about her concerns of the project.

Dr. Wagner provided an overview of the approval process to date, including approval by the Traffic Commission of Option (Plan) A.

Stacey Wehe provided another update and overview of the project as proposed by Washington University, including the revised site plan – Option A.

General discussion ensued for several minutes.

Ms. Wehe noted that the Landscape and Lighting plan was not complete.

Dr. Wagner noted that the HPC could review these documents at an appropriate time, likely in the Fall.

Rob Klahr asked clarifying questions of Mr. Mulligan regarding conformance to the Civic Plaza Master Plan and the Conditional Use Permit.

General discussion ensued again.

Joanna Schooler of Washington University addressed the Commission.

Rob Klahr asked a clarifying question regarding greenspace and parking.

The Commission decided not to take a stance at this time on the Text Amendment and the Conditional Use Permit.

A motion was made to recommend approval of the application with Option A dated March 10, 2023. **It was approved by a vote of 5 yes and 0 no.**

4. New Business – none

5. Other Business

6. Reports – Councilmember Klein noted that Dennis Fuller was appointed as Ward II Councilmember.

7. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.