

**Minutes of the
Lakewood Heritage Advisory Board
July 26, 2012**

I. Call to Order

Chairman Richard Sicha called the meeting to order at 6:40 P.M.

Members present: Michael Loje, Marcia Moll, Heather Rudge, Richard Sicha, Jeffrey Weber, and Gerald Weber.

Member absent: James Dolce

City staff present: None

Chapter 1134 Coordinator: John Pyke

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the May 24, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. J. Weber that was seconded by Mr. G. Weber.

III. Old Business

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Historic Property Nomination

Mr. Sicha reported that the Planning Commission officially designated the property at its June meeting.

IV. Communications and Petitions

Masonic Temple, Historic Property Nomination

Ms. Rudge reported that she had received the draft Statement of Significance on the property from Mr. Robert Niebaum, President, Lakewood Masonic Temple Company. Ms. Rudge indicated that Board members will assist Mr. Niebaum with the preparation of the architectural description of the property and begin assembling the remaining material for the nomination.

Ohio Historic Preservation Office – Training

As part of the OHPO's required continuing education effort for communities participating in that agency's Certified Local Government program, the OHPO will be

conducting training in Lakewood. Mr. Sylvester and Mr. Sicha have been working with OHPO staff to identify topics that would be appropriate for Lakewood and the several Boards and Commissions that have a role in the preservation program outlined in Chapter 1134 of the City's Zoning Code. The Board discussed the options offered by OHPO and agreed on the topics of Preservation Planning and Demolition by Neglect.

The training will be held as part of the October 25, 2012 LHAB meeting. It will be conducted by Mr. Nathan Bevil, CLG & Preservation Services Manager, Ohio Historic Preservation Office.

In addition, Board members were adamant that the training be mandatory for other Boards as well. The Board members feel strongly about this because other boards (Architectural Board of Review, Board of Zoning Appeals, and Planning Commission) make preservation-related decisions as part of their course of business, whereas LHAB only advises. In addition, with the ongoing *Community Vision* work and the initial steps for a Preservation Plan having been organized, these two topics were deemed useful for a number of purposes.

As part of the discussion, the following motion was approved:

The Lakewood Heritage Advisory Board is pleased to participate in Certified Local Government program training by the Ohio Historic Preservation Office on the condition that it is mandatory for all members of LHAB, Architectural Board of Review, Board of Zoning Appeals, and Planning Commission, as well as City staff of the Department of Planning and Division of Housing and Building. LHAB further encourages the Mayor and City Council members to attend the meeting. LHAB believes the focus of the meeting should be the topics of Preservation Planning and Demolition by Neglect. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Reports of Committees

There were no reports.

VI. Motions

There were no motions.

VII. New Business

There was no new business.

VIII. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. G. Weber seconded by Ms. Rudge, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Richard Sicha, Chairman