

**Minutes of the
Lakewood Heritage Advisory Board
July 28, 2016**

I. Call to Order

Mr. Sicha called the meeting to order at 6:42 P.M.

Members present: Rick Sicha, Jeffrey Weber, Peter Ketter, Frank Scalish and Hilary Schickler

Member absent: Stephen Jouriles

Vacant appointments: 1 Council

Guests: Marcia Moll and John Pyke

City staff present: none

Mr. Sicha welcomed the newest appointee to the Board, Mr. Peter Ketter. He then provided an overview of the history, responsibilities and some past projects undertaken by the Heritage Advisory Board. A round of introductions followed.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the May 26, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Weber and seconded by Mr. Sicha.

III. Old Business

Historic Property Nominations- Updates

There were no updates concerning nominations. There was a question as to whether the Masonic Temple would be open during the upcoming arts fest.

Lakewood Schools discussion

Mr. Weber reported that he has been continuing to edit a presentation to educate on the historical importance of the properties in question and how creative development should be considered when determining the future of Taft, Franklin and the Board of Education. The presentation would be for council and/or the school board. He will make changes available to the group for input.

Downtown Lakewood National Register Historic District

Mr. Sicha reported that through the efforts of LakewoodAlive and the Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance, the State of Ohio Historic Preservation Office conducted a site visit to determine if a historic district is possible in downtown Lakewood. After review, the OHPO felt the district would be eligible, and in fact, should have the western boundary extended from Lakeland to Cranford. It was also recommended to include the larger adjacent multi-family structures and

Warren Road, south to the condominium high-rise. As a first step, LakewoodAlive will begin outreach and education efforts to property owners and tenants.

IV. Communications and Petitions

There were no communications or petitions

V. Reports of Committees

There were no reports.

VI. Motions

There were no motions.

VII. New Business

Curtis Block

Mr. Sicha reported that although the City was entertaining RFQs for the redevelopment of the Curtis Block building, it has been now decided to wait and include the property as part of the overall development of the hospital site.

Possible historic district

Mr. Weber reported that he had a conversation with Councilman Litton in regards to historic street signs in his neighborhood and the possibility of a historic district was discussed. The neighborhood group, which represents 210 homes, has a newsletter, a website and holds regular meetings through which information can be disseminated on the issue.

V. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Sicha, seconded by Mr. Weber and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Hilary J. Schickler, Vice Chairman/Secretary