

No announcements or communications were brought forward.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public came forward to speak on non-agenda items.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2006-0425

Frank Farm (HDSC File #04-005)

1290 E. Auburn; 1304 E. Auburn; 1344 and 1356 E. Auburn

Final Report Discussion

Chairperson Thompson commented that the Final Report recommending designation was brought before City Council close to two years ago. At that time, it was tabled, so no action was taken on the Frank Farm report. The Committee needs to discuss what they would like to do.

Dr. Stamps summarized that the Study Committee made the presentation to Council, the property was found to be eligible for designation, but a family member indicated they did not want the property listed. The City Council, trying to respect citizen's rights, did not take action because someone in the family was not in agreement. It was left up to the Study Committee to try to come up with a solution to this problem. Dr. Stamps commented that Mr. Frank should have been in attendance at the meeting, because as the property owner, he wants the designation. Dr. Stamps then stated the structure on the property that is really historic is now owned by an absentee landlord who is letting it decay. The question then becomes has it decayed to such a point that there is not enough left to designate. If there is enough left to designate, the Committee should go to Mr. Frank and make him aware of the Committee's recommendation for designation.

There are three structures on the property; Mr. Frank lives in one building, the oldest structure is in the middle, and Mr. Frank's sister lives in the third one. Chairperson Thompson indicated the middle structure had issues with the Building Department and asked if staff could check the status of any violations, etc.

It was suggested this issue be put on the September agenda, and that a letter be sent to Mr. Frank inviting him to attend in order to gain his input. A copy of the report should also be forwarded to him. The Committee could also ask questions of the property owner at the meeting. Based on the outcome of the meeting, this request could possibly be taken back to City Council for action.

This item was discussed

2008-0663

National Twist Drill (HDSC File #08-002)

Preliminary Report Discussion

Chairperson Thompson indicated only the Preliminary Report has been completed for this property.

Dr. Stamps asked what the State rule is regarding recommending portions of a district for designation, as in the Stiles School issue, rather than the entire property.

Ms. Kidorf explained Twist Drill is somewhat different from Stiles School in that the historic piece of the school is a small connector and is very defined - the new part of the school touches the historic part of the school very lightly. With Twist Drill, the only thing that is non-contributing is Building B, but the proposal was to cut off the facade of an entire contributing building, which is not acceptable. That is the difference.

Dr. Stamps commented that the Committee should submit the report recommending designation of everything except for Building B. Ms. Kidorf believes the boundary can be drawn to exclude Building B if the Committee wanted.

Chairperson Thompson remembers that one owner does not want the designation as he is looking to sell the property. Part of the reason this report is still out there is the Committee came to the conclusion that if the report was submitted for the entire property, it would be rejected as one of the owners is against designation. The question now becomes what does the Committee want to do.

Ms. Kidorf stated that the Committee has not adopted the preliminary report because there was discussion about whether to change the boundary or not. In order to move forward, the Study Committee needs to accept the preliminary report with either the proposed boundary or some other boundary, send the report to SHPO for comments, and then hold a public hearing after 60 days. If all the owners came to the public hearing and objected to the designation, the Committee could then decide whether or not to send the final report to City Council for action.

Chairperson Thompson added that this study was started under the old ordinance, and Council may not even know that the property is being studied.

Ms. Kidorf indicated if Council did not direct the Committee to study this property, the process could be ended now on the reason that it wasn't properly directed to the Study Committee to be studied. But she also feels that if a public hearing is held and input is heard, the final report recommendation, even if it is to not designate, should be send to Council for final action.

Chairperson Thompson said the Committee could also follow the new ordinance and approach Council to see if they wanted to direct the Committee to study the property. Ms. Kidorf commented the risk is that Council will not direct that a study be undertaken.

It was suggested that the Twist Drill property owners be contacted and invited to the October meeting in order to gain their input.

This item was discussed