

~~Ms. Kidorf felt there was a good chance the home would qualify under the architectural criteria, noting it was a significant circa 1910 farmhouse in the Community. She explained a clear-cut case would have to be made in the Preliminary Report, as it was not clear in the draft version of the report.~~

The Committee discussed whether there were other examples of this type of home in the Community, or whether this home represented the best example of the Colonial Revival style. The Committee discussed the other properties surveyed by Dr. Busch that reflected the Colonial Revival style of architecture, and whether there might be others that had not been surveyed.

Ms. Kidorf explained she would have to conduct a “windshield” survey of the major roads in the City to identify other properties that may not have been surveyed. The Committee agreed they would split up sections of the City and conduct a quick windshield survey of the major roads in the City looking for houses that appeared to be at least 50 years old, and easily viewed from the roadway, and report their findings to Ms. Kidorf. Ms. Kidorf stated she would take the Committee’s findings, and survey any homes the members reported.

Ms. Kidorf stated she would complete the draft Preliminary Report and forward it to the Committee for their review at the March meeting. She requested copies of any atlas maps that might be available for 1872, 1896, 1908 or 1947. She noted she would conduct some additional research in Pontiac to see if any of those atlas maps were available.

Mr. Dziurman commented he thought the house at 920 South Boulevard was a good example of the Colonial Revival style, noting it was an “almost pure” example, except for the siding on the home.

2) 1207 N. Livernois

Ms. Kidorf discussed the preliminary research she had conducted regarding 1207 N. Livernois, noting Dr. Busch’s survey indicated the home had been moved and had lost its historic integrity. She indicated additional research was necessary to determine why the home had originally been designated. She stated additional research could be completed once the 920 South Boulevard work was completed.

3) 1470 W. Tienken

Ms. Kidorf stated that Dr. Busch’s survey indicated that too many alterations had been made to the home, causing it to lose its historic integrity. She noted the current owners were very proud of their home and had conducted significant research about the property. She felt the property warranted another look prior to a decision for delisting being made.

The Committee agreed that the priority of the studies should be first completing the 920 South Boulevard report, and then looking at the potential delisting of 1207 N. Livernois and 56187 Dequindre.

The Committee would like to present the 920 South Boulevard Preliminary Report to City Council prior to the moratorium expiring. If the recommendation was to designate, additional time could be requested to complete the process, which includes submitting the report to the City's Planning Commission and the State Historic Preservation Office, and holding the Public Hearing.

5) Frank Farm

Ms. Kidorf noted the Committee had discovered a lot of history about the family associated with the Frank Farm, but there was not very much information about the buildings located on the property. She stated Dr. Busch's survey contained some information about the buildings, but additional research was necessary. She asked how much archeological surveying had been completed on the property. Dr. Stamps stated the site had been documented, and a report was on file with the State. Ms. Kidorf stated that additional research would be necessary if the Committee wanted to include National Register Criteria D in the report. Dr. Stamps noted some Indian artifacts had been found on the site. It was cautioned that information about the archeological aspects of the property should be carefully guarded to avoid people visiting the site and removing artifacts. Ms. Kidorf stated she would discuss the site with the State.

Chairperson Thompson summarized that although there was a lot of history about the family associated with the Frank Farm, additional research about the buildings on the property was necessary.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Chairperson Thompson called for any other business.

The Committee briefly discussed the status of the City's Certified Local Government (CLG) application. Ms. Kidorf stated she would discuss the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

The Committee discussed the revision to the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance that SHPO had suggested, noting the City Attorney did not agree with the suggested revision. Ms. Kidorf stated she would look at the enabling legislation and discuss the matter with Amy Arnold at the SHPO Offices.

The Committee stated they would be willing to attend a City Council Work Session to discuss the charge of the Study Committee and the designation process. It was also noted that the Ferry Court Report could be completed and moved along.

No other business was presented. Chairperson Thompson noted that the next regular meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 8, 2007.