

and one of the owners of the farm leased the property to the school, until it was finally deeded to the school district.

The Committee discussed whether it would be possible to persuade the SHPO to change its opinion based on different criteria. Any information discovered would have to relate to the school itself, not just the property the structure sat on. Information regarding Bristol Farm would relate more to the farmstead, not the school. Mr. Webster's property is already designated, and it did not include the school or the school property at the time of designation. The question was raised of whether Mr. Webster's property was designated because it met the agricultural criteria or the architectural criteria. Mr. Webster thought it could have been designated based on both.

The Committee agreed that if additional information relevant to the school is discovered, it could be added to the report.

The Committee discussed the fact the National Register Standards were starting to be referred to as guidelines, and are being interpreted differently, such that no two people would agree on what they meant.

Chairperson Thompson summarized that this matter would be scheduled for a Public Hearing, and if additional research provided further information, the information would be reviewed by the Committee at the next meeting.

~~This matter was Discussed~~

- 7C. 2006-0425 Frank Farm
- SHPO Review Comments
 - Schedule Public Hearing
 - Transmittal to Planning Commission

The Committee reviewed the SHPO Comments, which simply stated that the Preliminary Report was an excellent report that met the requirements set forth in Public Act 169 of 1970, as amended. No comments from the State Historic Preservation Review Board were provided.

Mr. Delacourt asked if the Committee had any comments, questions or changes to the Preliminary Report. If not, the matter would be scheduled for a Public Hearing to be held on the same date as the Stiles School Public Hearing. He noted the owner of the rental property had not contacted him. The Franks still reside on the property, and the blue house appears to be owned by an absentee landlord.

Dr. Busch's recent fieldwork indicated that one more parcel should be included in the proposed district (1290 E. Auburn Road, PIN 15-36-126-004). The proposed district would consist of three parcels, with numerous contributing and non-contributing structures on them.

The integrity of the proposed district is very high, although if designated, some of the structures would be in danger of demolition by neglect. The Committee noted that tax credits might be of some benefit to the property owners.

The site meets the National Register criteria; however, the final decision will be made by City Council. Mr. Frank supports the designation and wanted to see the protection of the open farm space.

Mr. Delacourt reported that some of Mr. Frank's family members had contacted him and asked questions about the proposed designation. He advised them that they were also welcome to attend a Study Committee meeting or meet with him if they had any additional questions or concerns.

The Committee discussed whether the proposed district could still be designated if the parcel owned by the absentee landlord was not included. It was felt the site would still meet the criteria, and the matter could be evaluated prior to being presented to City Council.

Chairperson Thompson summarized that the Public Hearing would be scheduled for April 30, 2008.

This matter was Discussed

~~2007-0887 Meeting with State Historic Preservation Office~~

~~Mr. Delacourt stated that the SHPO had recently moved their offices, which had delayed making arrangements for a meeting. Since the last meeting, it was determined that any meeting with a representative from SHPO should be arranged so that the entire Committee and the City's consultants could attend. It would be beneficial for the Committee Members to gain an understanding of how the SHPO conducts its reviews and makes its recommendations.~~

~~Chairperson Thompson summarized the Committee would be advised when the meeting could be arranged.~~

~~This matter was Discussed~~

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Chairperson Thompson called for any other business.

~~Mr. Delacourt stated that the Historic Districts Commission (HDC) had requested a joint meeting be scheduled between the HDC and City Council. He asked if the Study Committee wanted to participate as a whole, or whether the Study Committee~~