

City of Erie

Historic Preservation Task Force

August 14, 2019 Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Erie Historic Preservation Task Force was held on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 3:30pm in Room 500 of the City of Erie Municipal Building, 626 State Street, Erie, PA 16501.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

<i>Member</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Emily Aloiz	X	
Dave Brennan	X	
Melissa Hake	X	
Elizabeth Kelly	X	
Melinda Meyer	X*	
Chuck Scalise	X*	
Mark Steg	X	

*Melinda Meyer and Chuck Scalise arrived after roll call and after approval vote of meeting minutes.

Advisory Committee Members: K. Wyrosdick, J Tushak, B. Callahan, Jenna Gorney, Liz Allen, R Lamis, J Schember, M Kloeker

Guests: None

- a. David Brennan noted that meeting minutes from July 10th needed to be added to the agenda for approval. Elizabeth Kelly made motion for approval of the meeting minutes for the July 10th meeting. Motion was seconded by Emily Aloiz. The minutes were approved 5-0.

2. New Business

- a. Review and discussion of Guiding Documents
 - i. Kathy Wyrosdick gave explanation for why these documents were chosen as guiding documents for the task force.
 1. Documents were chosen based on relevance and similarity with the guiding principles that the task force will use.
 2. Elizabeth Kelly commented that the guiding documents give the task force working tools to base their work off of
 3. Mark Steg suggested adding relevant portions of the zoning ordinance as documents to include. A discussion ensued with the

takeaway being that the zoning ordinance will be included as a guiding document.

- ii. A discussion of the Erie County Cultural Heritage Plan followed that included a recognition for the need to create local capacity and stewardship for historic preservation and to give assistance to property owners.
 - iii. Dave Brennan pointed out the need to have tangible goals and a timeline for the task force to accomplish these goals.
 - b. Bill Callahn asked for takeaways from reviewing the guiding documents
 - i. Mark Steg argues for the need of a circuit rider or some kind of design review committee based on what was discussed in the Erie County Plan.
 - ii. Melinda Meyer proposed the idea of a Preservation Month that would coincide with the national Preservation Month that occurs in May
 - 1. Preservation PA issued an RFP about hosting the statewide preservation conference for 2020. Preservation Erie will likely be coming to the task force to gain support from the City for Erie to host this conference.
 - c. Goals and Objectives for the Task Force
 - i. **Please see the separate document that transcribed the goals and objectives exercised that the Task Force and advisory committee performed**
 - d. Training Schedule
 - i. Bill Callahan will have a training session on tools for historic preservation including a discussion of historic preservation for economic development
 - 1. Preservation Pennsylvania conducted a study on the economic impacts of historic preservation across the state
 - 2. There is also a study on the economic impact of historic preservation in Pittsburgh that will be used.
3. Old Business
- a. Liz Allen updated the Task Force with the news that Gannon announced plans to demolish building they have that sits on the south east corner of 5th and Peach Sts.
4. Adjourn
- a. Chuck Scalise made motion to adjourn meeting. This motion was seconded by Melinda Meyer.