

# ***City Council Meeting Minutes***

**July 21, 2020  
Electronic Meeting  
6:00 PM**

**Call to Order** – Mayor Stolzmann called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. **Roll Call** was taken and the following members were present:

**City Council:**        ***Mayor Ashley Stolzmann  
Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Maloney  
Councilmember Kyle Brown  
Councilmember J. Caleb Dickinson  
Councilmember Deborah Fahey  
Councilmember Chris Leh***

**Absent:**                ***Councilmember Jeff Lipton***

**Staff Present:**        ***Heather Balsler, City Manager  
Megan Davis, Deputy City Manager  
Felicity Selvoski, Preservation Planner  
Lisa Ritchie, Senior Planner  
Meredyth Muth, City Clerk***

**Others Present:**    ***Kathleen Kelly, City Attorney***

Mayor Stolzmann noted that because of the COVID-19 emergency the meeting is being held electronically. She gave information on how the meeting process will work and directions for those dialing in on how to participate when it is time for public comments.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 52, SERIES 2020 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION GRANT AND NEW CONSTRUCTION GRANT FOR THE MANCINI HOUSE LOCATED AT 908 REX STREET**

Mayor Stolzmann introduced the item. She asked for any Council disclosures. There were no disclosures.

Planner Selvoski stated the applicant is requesting approval of a preservation and restoration grant and a new construction grant for 908 Rex Street. The home was landmarked on June 2, 2020. Selvoski reviewed the repairs and rehabilitation work for the request. The cost estimate of the proposed work is \$151,099; the matching grant request is \$61,775.

She noted the preservation program allows for grant amounts to exceed the \$40,000 limitation when there are extraordinary circumstances relating to building size, condition, and architectural details. This also requires the applicant to have a 100% match of the grant. The applicant is requesting more than the \$40,000 due to the scope of the work related to structural issues and the cost associated with those repairs.

The applicant is also requesting a \$15,000 new construction grant. Owners of landmarked property on which additions to existing residential structures are proposed are eligible for matching grants of up to \$15,000 for new residential construction that, beyond mandatory requirements, substantially limits mass, scale, and number of stories, preserves setbacks, and protects the historic integrity of the property and its environment by differentiating new work from the old. Qualifying new construction must maintain the existing height of the historic structure over the first 1/3 of the overall structure and have a floor area ratio (FAR) 10% below what is allowed by zoning. Staff finds that the proposed design does meet the criteria for this grant.

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) reviewed the grant requests and recommends approval of both resolutions. Staff also recommends approval.

Public Comments - None

Councilmember Dickinson asked the applicant what warrants the extraordinary circumstances grant. Andy Johnson, DAJ Design, noted the grant is to cover higher construction costs based on the conditions found in this house.

Mayor Stolzmann stated she feels this structure is consistent with previous approvals of extraordinary circumstances grants and based on that precedent she can support the resolution. Councilmember Leh agreed.

Mayor Pro Tem Maloney noted the Council has wanted to provide more incentives for preservation projects and that is what these grants are for. He supports the resolution.

Councilmember Dickinson noted he is the owner of a historic building that has received these grants. He stated he supports the grants particularly as there is a matching requirement so the owner is showing they are truly committed to the project.

Councilmember Brown moved to approve Resolution No. 52; Councilmember Leh seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**1016 GRANT AVENUE LANDMARKING & PRESERVATION GRANT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 54, SERIES 2020 – A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE BERARDI HOUSE LOCATED AT 1016 GRANT AVENUE A HISTORIC LANDMARK**

**RESOLUTION NO. 55, SERIES 2020 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION GRANT AND NEW CONSTRUCTION GRANT FOR WORK ON THE BERARDI HOUSE LOCATED AT 1016 GRANT AVENUE**

Mayor Stolzmann introduced the item and asked for any disclosures; seeing none she opened the public hearing.

Planner Selvoski stated this is a request to landmark the property and a request for a preservation and restoration grant for the structure at 1016 Grant Avenue. She stated the property meets the age requirement as it was constructed circa 1906-1907. The property also meets both the significance and integrity criteria. She reviewed the repairs and rehabilitation work for the request. The applicant is requesting a \$40,000 grant to help with an estimated \$86,000 in restoration costs.

The applicant is also requesting a \$15,000 new construction grant. Staff finds that the proposed design does meet the criteria for this grant.

She noted the HPC has approved an Alteration Certificate for this structure and they recommend approval of both resolutions. Staff also recommends approval.

Public Comments – None.

Mayor Stolzmann stated she supports the resolutions.

Councilmember Leh stated this program is really working as it was intended to help maintain some of the community's heritage.

Mayor Stolzmann closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Dickinson moved to approve Resolution No. 54; Councilmember Leh seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilmember Brown moved to approve Resolution No. 55; Councilmember Dickinson seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**1200 JEFFERSON AVENUE LANDMARKING & PRESERVATION GRANT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 56, SERIES 2020 – A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE  
DESANTIS HOUSE LOCATED AT 1200 JEFFERSON AVENUE A HISTORIC  
LANDMARK**

**RESOLUTION NO. 57, SERIES 2020 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING A  
PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION GRANT FOR WORK ON THE DESANTIS  
HOUSE LOCATED AT 1200 JEFFERSON AVENUE**

Mayor Stolzmann introduced the item and asked for any disclosures; seeing none she opened the public hearing.

Planner Selvoski stated this is a request to landmark the property and for a preservation and restoration grant for the structure at 1200 Jefferson Avenue. She stated the property meets the age requirement as it was constructed circa 1900 and moved to Louisville in 1930. The property also meets both the significance and integrity criteria. She reviewed the repairs and rehabilitation work for the request. She noted a large expense for updating the foundation and crawlspace. The estimate cost of the work is \$162,200 and the matching grant request is \$61,600.

The applicant is requesting more than the \$40,000 limit due to the scope of the work and cost for the necessary foundation work.

She noted the HPC has approved an Alteration Certificate for this structure and they recommend approval of both resolutions. Staff also recommends approval.

Public Comments – None.

Councilmember Dickinson noted that if the bulk of the cost is the foundation it is the best use of the money as it maintains the house for the long run.

Mayor Stolzmann closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Leh moved to approve Resolution No. 56; Councilmember Fahey seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilmember Dickinson moved to approve Resolution No. 57; Councilmember Brown seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**925 JEFFERSON AVENUE LANDMARKING & PRESERVATION GRANT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 58, SERIES 2020 – A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE  
HAMILTON HOUSE LOCATED AT 925 JEFFERSON AVENUE A HISTORIC  
LANDMARK**

**RESOLUTION NO. 59, SERIES 2020 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING A  
PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION GRANT FOR WORK ON THE HAMILTON  
HOUSE LOCATED AT 925 JEFFERSON AVENUE**

Mayor Stolzmann introduced the item and asked for any disclosures. Councilmember Dickinson recused himself as the applicant is his mother.

Planner Selvoski stated the applicant has withdrawn this application at this time.

Public Comments – None.

Mayor Stolzmann closed the public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem Maloney moved to vacate this agenda item, Councilmember Fahey seconded the motion.

Voice vote – all in favor (Councilmember Dickinson recused).

**ADJOURN**

Members adjourned at 6:42 pm.

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Ashley Stolzmann, Mayor

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Meredyth Muth, City Clerk