

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chm. Jeffrey Bianco, Vice-Chw. Elizabeth Warner (departed at 5:50 P.M.), Sec'y Henry Novicki, Barbara Corvo, Brian Kronenberger, and Stephen Shapiro (arrived at 5:30 P.M.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nancy Conaway-Raczka, Philip Halibozek, Phylliss Redford

STAFF: Dir. George A. Reif, Hope P. Kasper, Administrative Secretary

Chm. Jeffrey Bianco opened the May 14, 1991 meeting of the Preservation Board at approximately 5:10 P.M. The first item on the agenda was a progress report regarding a City Ordinance revision to create staggered terms of office for the members of the Board rather than identical year terms as the Ordinance presently exists. Dir. Reif gave the Board a copy of the draft Ordinance to review and explained that this document was scheduled to be discussed at the June Common Council meeting. Dir. Reif was invited to the Common Council meeting to discuss any questions that the Council may have regarding the changes to the terms of office. Upon discussion by the Board it was decided that on motion by Barbara Corvo and second by Elizabeth Warner that the draft of the Ordinance was not what the Board had intended and requested that Dir. Reif return the document back to the Ordinance Review Committee with the suggested changes. Vote was unanimous. The changes included identifying which group of members serve for a specified period of time, commence the change of terms in December rather than July, explain who the appointing authority is for each member, and as per the original objection - create a system of staggered terms.

The second item on the agenda was the preservation award concept. Dir. Reif suggested to the Board that they consider a tax incentive in order to try to preserve historic buildings. After discussion the Board felt a tax abatement to protect historic buildings should not be considered at this time at the local level.

On motion and second by Stephen Shapiro and Elizabeth Warner the Board decided to implement a preservation award's program beginning in 1991 for a project or projects they consider worthy of recognition, set the criteria for judging the project, and generate applications from the public in the future for their consideration. Vote was unanimous. Stephen Shapiro suggested that a bronze plaque be given to the recipient of the award to display on the chosen building.

The Board did not discuss item number 3 which was a proposed Land Mark Ordinance.


Item number 4 on the agenda was a proposed amendment to the Bylaws of the Board. On motion by Henry Novicki and Brian Kronenberger the Board adopted an amendment to their Bylaws under Article VII, Section I - Meetings. Vote was unanimous.

On motion by Henry Novicki and Barbara Corvo the minutes of the March 12, 1991 meeting were approved. Vote was unanimous.

Chm. Jeffrey Bianco asked the Board if they wanted to hold meetings during the summer months. The consensus of the Board was to continue meeting during the summer.

Adjournment was at approximately 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Hope P. Kasper
Administrative Secretary

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