



City of Green

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Meeting Minutes Summary

Historic Preservation Commission

Thursday, March 27, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

I. Call To Order - Chas Schreckenberger

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

II. Oath of Office - Mandy Cenker

Mayor Yeargin swore in Mandy Cenker for her 5-year term on the commission.

III. Election of Officers

Mayor Yeargin asked for nominations for Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission. Mr. Schweikert nominated Mr. Schreckenberger. This was seconded by Ms. Tanner. All were in favor, the motion carried. Mayor Yeargin turned the meeting over to Mr. Schreckenberger for the selection of Vice Chair.

Mr. Schreckenberger asked for nominations from the commission for Vice Chair. Mr. Schreckenberger nominated Ms. Tanner as Vice Chair. This was seconded by Mr. Schweikert. All were in favor, the motion carried.

IV. Roll Call

Present 5 - Commissioner Schweikert, Commissioner Schreckenberger, Commissioner Tanner, Commissioner Cenker and Commissioner Penedo

Also present:

Sarah Haring, Community Development Administrator

Mindy Lawrence, Secretary

Cloe Gardner, Student Representative

Addison Johnson, Student Representative

V. Approval of Rules & Procedures

Commissioner Schweikert made a motion to accept the Rules and Procedures;
Commissioner Tanner seconded.

The vote was 5-0; the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schweikert, seconded by Commissioner Tanner, to approve the Rules & Procedures. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Schweikert, Commissioner Schreckenberger, Commissioner Tanner, Commissioner Cenker and Commissioner Penedo

Attachments: [Rules & Procedures](#)

VI. Approval of Minutes - October 24, 2024

A motion was made by Commissioner Schweikert, seconded by Commissioner Penedo, to approve the meeting minutes as submitted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Schweikert, Commissioner Schreckenberger, Commissioner Tanner, Commissioner Cenker and Commissioner Penedo

Attachments: [10-24-24 HPC Meeting Minutes](#)

VII. Levi J. Hartong/Southgate Farm Signage Discussion

Ms. Haring stated that this sign will look similar to the Lichtenwalter sign they discussed last year. It will be the same size and the location will be in the vicinity of the farm complex closer to the barn and the house are located. The sign is designed to inform pedestrians and visitors what happens on the farm and the different things they do. Ms. Haring stated she is looking for a discussion and a recommendation or to table this item because of numerous changes they would like to make.

Mr. Schweikert stated that he thinks all the signs are well crafted, however the sign that has the Southgate logo on it twice is his least favorite. Ms. Penedo stated she likes the sign with the bullet points, it's easier to read. Ms. Cenker asked if the font could be darker so it would be easier to read and more eye-catching; she likes the bullet points as well. Ms. Tanner stated she is in favor of the sign with bullet points but thinks there should be some capitalization for the first word of each line.

Mr. Schreckenberger asked what the size would be. Ms. Haring stated it will be 24x36. Mr. Schreckenberger asked if there was consideration for more than one location. Ms. Haring stated not at this time, The Parks Division has a lot of way finding signage in Boettler Park and they are going to do the same with Southgate Farm this year. Ms. Haring stated pedestrians come in from 3 different access points and they may consider more signs in the future.

There was some discussion regarding the size of the font and making it easier to read and eliminating the duplication of the Southgate Farm logo.

Ms. Haring stated from a purist historical standpoint, it should say Levi J. Hartong Farm, but that's not what it's doing right now. She stated she embedded the language in the narrative. There was some discussion on how and where the Levi J. Hartong Farm could be incorporated into the sign.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schweikert to approve the signage with modifications. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Schweikert, Commissioner Schreckenberger, Commissioner Tanner, Commissioner Cenker and Commissioner Penedo

Attachments: [Southgate Farm Interpretive Sign Drafts](#)

VIII. America 250 - Ohio

A motion was made to Table the item; all were in favor.

table

Present 5 - Commissioner Schweikert, Commissioner Schreckenberger, Commissioner Tanner, Commissioner Cenker and Commissioner Carmen Penedo

Attachments: [AM250 2026 Monthly Themes](#)
[AM 250-OH County Resolution UPDATED 8.7.23](#)

IX. Southgate Farm Annual Report

Ms. Haring stated the lease renews every January and Rachel submits an Annual Farm Report that reports on what happened on the farm the prior year and her proposed development plans for the next year. This will be 5 years for Southgate Farm in April and for the first time they invited Rachel to the review meeting. There are members from different boards and commissions and residents who frequent the farm who review the report. She explained some of the things they go over in the report and some of the improvements the city was able to make on the property this year. There was some discussion on improvements they are hoping to do in the upcoming year.

Attachments: [Southgate Farm 2024 Annual Farm Review](#)
[Wolf Family 2024 Farm Report](#)

X. Planning Department Report - Sarah Haring Community Development Admin.

Ms. Haring stated the Planning Department submitted a grant to the Ohio and Erie Canalway Coalition to receive money for Design and Engineer for a walkway at Lichtenwalter Schoolhouse. She explained where the walkway would be located on the property out of the front door to the lower level of the schoolhouse.

She also shared some information on CLG (Certified Local Government), she stated this is what the HPC is. It explains who they are and what they do, they can go to the website for more information.

Ms. Haring stated she has been in contact with Richard Edwards and the proprietors of The Industry; they would like to get them a historical plaque to go on the building since they are open for business now.

The city is embarking on a Public Art Plan Initiative and have received 14 proposals from consultants to help develop a plan. The scoring committee has narrowed it down to 4 consultants, they will be interviewed the last 2 weeks of April.

XI. Green Historical Society Report

Mr. Schweikert gave a brief update on the Lichtenwalter Schoolhouse and what events are coming up for the summer and how people can volunteer.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.

**Once approved by the Historic Preservation Commission, this official written summary of the meeting minutes shall become a permanent record.

Approved by:

Charles Schreckenberger, Chair

Date

Mindy Lawrence, Secretary

Date