

CITY OF AUBURN PLANNING BOARD  
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016 6:30 PM, MEMORIAL CITY HALL

Present: Sam Giangreco, Anne McCarthy, Andy Tehan, Crystal Cosentino, Theresa Walsh

Absent: Tim Baroody

Staff: Stephen Selvek, Senior Planner; Greg Gilfus, Traffic Officer APD; Stacy DeForrest, Corporation Counsel

Agenda Items: Local Historic Landmark designation for 67 South Street

Items Approved: Recommendation for the Local Historic Landmark Designation of 67 South Street to City Council

Applications Denied: None.

Applications Tabled: None.

Chair calls the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited. Roll is called.

There are not and Special Permit Applications, Subdivision Applications, or Site Plan Applications at this time. Therefore we will move onto other items properly brought before the Board.

**Agenda Item 1: Approval of March 1, 2016 Meeting Minutes.**

Chair asks for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2016 meeting. So moved by Theresa Walsh, seconded by Anne McCarthy. All members vote approval. No members opposed. Motion carried.

**Other Items**

**Local Historic Landmark Designation report for 67 South Street.**

Stephen Selvek introduces the application. Current owners of the Dulles House, located at 67 South Street, made a request to the City of Auburn Historic Resources Review Board to declare this property a local historic landmark. The property is listed on the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places. In accordance with the procedures for designation of a local historic landmark, the City of Auburn Historic Resources Review Board reviewed the application to ensure it meets at least one criteria listed in Section 178-4 of City Code. This application meets six criteria. Historic Resources Review Board held a public hearing and approved the request at the March 8, 2016 meeting. To complete the local designation process, the Historic Resources Review Board is providing copies of the designation to the Auburn City Council and the Auburn Planning Board. City Council makes the final determination.

The Planning Board's role is to look at four items: The Master Plan (City's Comprehensive Plan), Zoning Code, Potential Public Improvements and Plans for Renewal in the area. Within the packet you will find that staff prepared a memo. In the memo staff reviewed the designation to the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan. The designation of the Dulles House as a Historic Landmark conforms to the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan and supports the following goals and strategies:

Goals:

- Enhance downtown as a walk able, vibrant urban place

- Encourage the location and form of new development to emphasize pedestrians and protect neighborhood character
- Improve the quality of life of existing neighborhoods
- Encourage arts and culture as an integral part of Auburn's economy.

**Strategies:**

- Strategy D3 – Continue supporting and funding with city, state, federal and private dollars the rehabilitation of historic buildings and buildings that contributes to Auburn's historic character.
- Strategy N1 – Focus new development and redevelopment efforts in and around downtown.
- Strategy S9 – Secure resources for the protection of historic and cultural resources.

The proposed designation does not conflict with the Auburn Zoning Code or potential public improvements. In addition, the property is located in the Historic District. The purpose of the District is to preserve the area as a historic resource both locally and nationally. The proposed designation advances the purpose of the historic district for the Dulles house.

Staff states that this designation is supported through the criteria listed above and asks the Board to authorize the submission of the memorandum to City Council for their consideration of the designation 67 South Street as a Local Historic Landmark.

Chair asks Board members if they have any questions.

Andy Tehn asks what the advantages the owners of the building would have if they received the designation.

Stephen Selvek replies that there would be additional protections in place to preserve the building and all of the work that they have put into it to restore it. There may be advantages to tourism draws as well.

Chair asks for a motion to recommend the submit memorandum on the Local Historic Landmark Designation of 67 South Street to City Council made by Crystal Cosentino, second by Andy Tehan. All other members in favor. Motion carried.

**Other Items:**

The date of the next Planning Board meeting is June 7, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn made by Theresa Walsh and seconded by Andy Tehan. All in Favor.

Respectively submitted by Renee Jensen