

Excerpt from the July 11, 2017 Historic Landmark Commission Meeting Minutes

HLC-17-013: Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council on an extension of Rehabilitation Tax Relief for the property addresses at 193 W. San Antonio Street, a local historic landmark known as the Jacob Schmidt Building for a second five years.

Mrs. McWhorter presented the staff report, displaying the before and after photos of the subject property. Mrs. McWhorter said Staff recommends approval of the extension of Rehabilitation Tax Relief, as it meets the criteria for approval.

Chair Nichols inquired about the changes in the Tax Relief processes since Mrs. McWhorter became the Historic Preservation Officer.

Mrs. McWhorter responded there had been changes, stating that an audit done to the County's tax office had revealed that there had been issues with the 20% benefit for being in the Historic District and the Rehabilitation Tax credit. She stated the accounting is stricter regarding these items now.

Mrs. McWhorter stated a letter is provided to the applicant following approval of the Rehabilitation Tax Relief stating the applicant is responsible for filing it with the County Tax Office. She explained the previous Historic Preservation Office had been filing it for the applicant, but the City no longer files the paperwork since signatures from the applicant are required.

Discussion followed regarding the improvements to the process to provide clarity and ease to the applicant.

Motion by Commissioner Warnecke, seconded by Commissioner Hoffmann, to recommend approval to City Council on an extension of Rehabilitation Tax Relief for the property addresses at 193 W. San Antonio Street, a local historic landmark known as the Jacob Schmidt Building for a second five years Motion carried. (6-0-0)