

Historic Landmark Designation Application

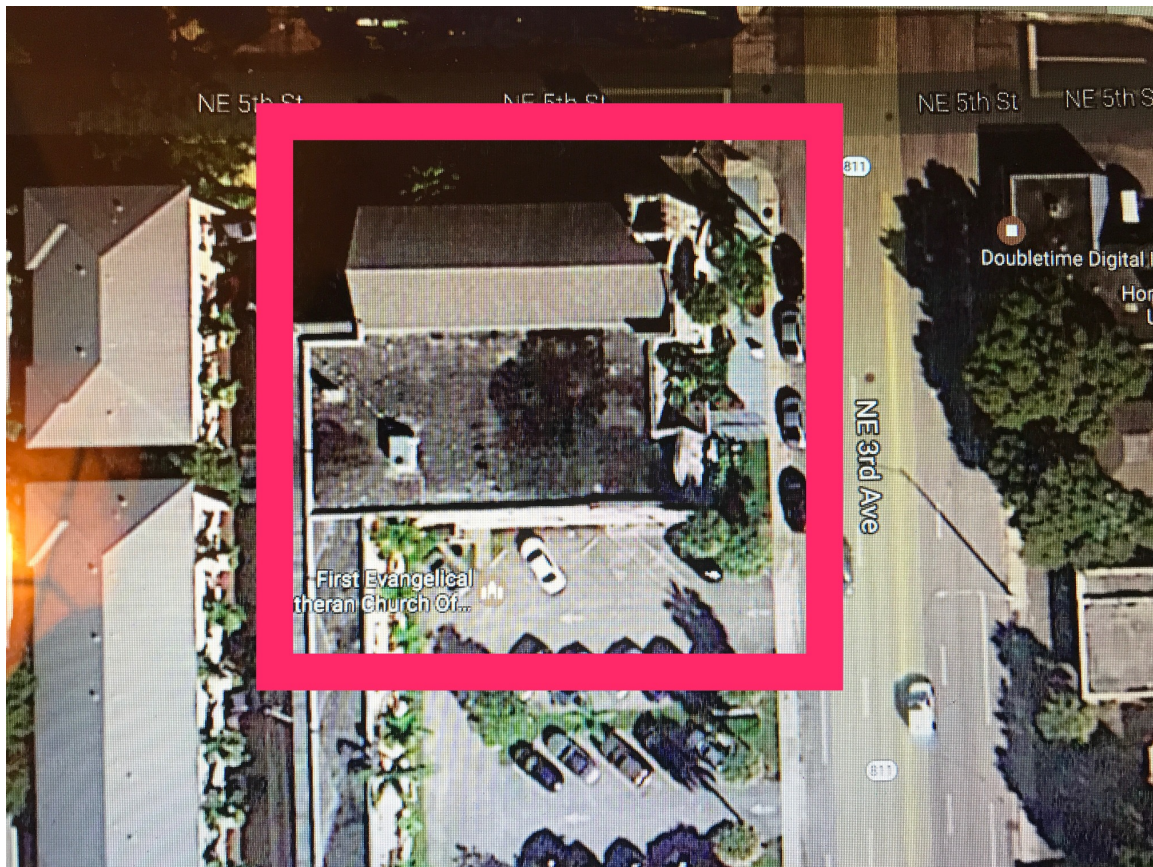
First Lutheran Church

May 12, 2017

From: Robin Haines Merrill, co-applicant and agent
& Pastor Paul Pfadenhauer

In response to the City Commission meeting of May 2, 2017:

Herein are the adjusted boundaries of the property we are applying for Historic Landmark Designation. It includes the sanctuary moved there in the 1940's with attached fellowship hall built in 1955, and 30 feet of land to the south of the building. The 30 feet is currently parking lot and the future use will be Green Space to separate the historic structure from the new development. Historic consideration is for the entire stone façade and the land upon which it rests, as shown in the diagram below. It is understood that the south-western cement block wall is of no historic value and can be modified in the future, as well as the roof and interior walls.



Furthermore, we respectfully request that from this date forward, no further interaction with Attorney Courtney Crush or TAHO Group is made in regard to this application. The Mayor and City Commission's relationship with Attorney Courtney Crush has completely sidetracked the original intention of this Application and has caused undue hardship on the Applicants by extending and complicating the process. Courtney Crush DOES NOT represent the "owner" of this property. Be it noted that neither Bill Knott nor anyone from the board of Directors of First Lutheran Church were in attendance at the May 2 Commission meeting.

We, the Applicants, were given 3 minutes each, and it was stated that Courtney Crush and Itay Avital were NOT giving a "Presentation", however the Mayor and Commissioners then went on to entertain dialogue for 45 minutes with them, confusing the proceedings to where THEY were being referred to as the "Applicants", when in fact WE are. This same pattern has followed through in a recent phone conversation with city staff Anthony Fajardo who was tasked with following up on the Commission's directive. He mistakenly referred to the Developer as the Applicant, and is awaiting their plans.

We are therefore asking you to cease and desist from interaction with a Developer who clearly has a dubious contract, based on the sworn testimony of church member Rosalyn Scherf and former church President Richard Rubin. The entire contract and its process are in question. Please review the testimonies from these two members, which were given at three different quasi-judicial meetings. The perjury charges against Bill Knott of First Lutheran speak for themselves. There are more criminal charges to follow.

We admonish the City Commission to stick to the City's historic preservation ordinance and the criteria wherein. Please adhere to the unanimous recommendation of your own Advisory Board, the Historic Preservation Board. Please follow due process whereby your responsibility is to uphold or reject the historic designation. The site plan process is a separate track that should be allowed to proceed in the normal fashion parallel to any historic preservation process. Conflating the two processes makes no sense and is not fair to the public and to our Application.

Please enter this correspondence into the public record.

Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

Robin Haines Merrill & Pastor Paul Pfadenhauer