



MINUTES
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BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS
REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ROOM, LOWER LEVEL
115 E. WASHINGTON STREET, BLOOMINGTON, IL 61701
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021 5:00 P.M.

The Historic Preservation Commission convened in regular session in-person in the Community Development Room on the Lower Level of the Government Center at 5:07 p.m., Thursday, December 16, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Scharnett.

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Mr. Paul Scharnett	Chair	Present
Mr. Greg Koos	Vice Chair	Present
Ms. Georgene Chissell	Commissioner	Present
Ms. Sherry Graehling	Commissioner	Present
Ms. Dawn Peters	Commissioner	Absent
Mr. John Elterich	Commissioner	Present
Mr. George Boyle	Assistant Corporate Counsel	Present
Ms. Kimberly Smith	Assistant Economic & Community Development Director	Present
Mr. Glen Wetterow	City Planner	Present
Mr. Jon Branham	City Planner	Present

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

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The Commission reviewed the minutes of the August 18, 2021, October 21, 2021, and November 18, 2021, Historic Preservation Commission meetings. A motion was made to accept the minute as amended. The motion was seconded. All were in favor.

REGULAR AGENDA

- A. BHP-27-21** Consideration, review and action on a petition submitted by Stephen W. Agge for a Certificate of Appropriateness for repairs to the box gutters, downspouts, and windows on the property located at 202 Davis Avenue (PIN:21-03-303-005), Davis-Jefferson Historic District, late Victorian style, Four Square, c. 1913, (Ward 4). *Continued from 10/21/2021 and 11/17/2021 meeting.*

Mr. Wetterow provided an introduction and background on the application. The case had been continued from the October 21, 2021, and November 17, 2021, meetings.

Mr. Stephen Agge, applicant, provided additional background on the application.

Brad Williams, contractor for the applicant, further explained the project, adding details regarding the windows and stated aluminum sheeting would be added to protect the gutters.

The Commission discussed other aspects of the application, including window details, fascia, the type of downspouts, and the drip edge.

Mr. Koos motioned to accept the findings of fact as presented by staff and approve the Certificate of Appropriateness subject to the original wood fascia below the gutter remaining exposed (existing aluminum be removed) and downspouts to be a round daisy pattern. Ms. Graehling seconded. All were in favor. (5-0)

- B. BHP-28-21** Consideration, review and action on a petition submitted by Stephen W. Agge for a Funk Grant in the amount of \$3,365.00 repairs to box gutters, downspouts, and windows on the property located at 202 Davis Avenue (PIN:21-03-303-005), Davis-Jefferson Historic District, late Victorian style, Four Square, c. 1913, (Ward 4). *Continued from 10/21/2021 and 11/17/2021 meeting.*

Mr. Wetterow provided an introduction and background on the application. He stated the application had been updated to reflect a revised scope of work and new quotes were provided for that work.

The Commission discussed the application.

Mr. Koos motioned to accept the findings of fact as presented by staff and award the Funk Grant in the amount requested. Ms. Graehling seconded. All were in favor. (5-0)

C. Discussion regarding Demolition Notice of 702 E Emerson Street, White Place Steam Plant

Chairperson Scharnett reviewed the letter that had been sent to public regarding the demolition. He stated the property is in private party control and they can only make suggestions to owner.

Mike McLaughlin, resident, stated the building has become unpleasant and has been vacant for a significant time. He stated he understood the historic significance, but the building is

completely dilapidated. He supported the demolition and stated historic significance could perhaps be identified via a historic marker.

Mr. Boyle stated property owner is demolishing because they have been cited by City for various property maintenance violations.

John Danenberger, resident, stated he presented the item to a neighborhood social media group and went door-to-door to obtain input. He stated the general consensus supported demolition. He stated the residents favored a pocket park in the future at the location and adding a historic marker.

There was no additional public input.

The Commission discussed the potential demolition. There was an inquiry if the door to the building could be salvaged, along with any other historic materials. There was agreement that a historic marker would be suitable. There was additional discussion regarding demolition and remediation requirements.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Updates Regarding Future Commission Work Plan, Formation of Committee and Draft Work Plans

Chairperson Scharnett stated he reviewed with Mr. Boyle the Open Meetings act and how it applies to communication in subcommittees. He stated they are working on finding ways to meet requirements but while fostering communication. Mr. Boyle stated they can review that discussion at a future meeting.

The Commissioners provided updates on the various subcommittee themes and workplans.

Staff requested written updates to be provided by the subcommittees with outline of workplan actions.

The Commission discussed damage to 701 W Market Street due to a recent fire. Chairperson Scharnett asked if Commission could walk-through the residence. Staff stated they would review with Legal to see if this is feasible and report back.

Chairperson Scharnett inquired if someone would act as secretary to record and compile records so that can have framework for future individuals to follow when they want to rehab a home. Robert Garcia was mentioned by Ms. Chissell.

The Commission discussed creating a framework for how to rehabilitate a historic home.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Scharnett asked Mr. Wetterow to establish meeting times to discuss GIS and the ability to conduct housing surveys. Mr. Wetterow stated he would provide dates and times to the Chairperson.

Chairperson Scharnett stated Mr. Koos recently had a book published. The Commission congratulated Mr. Koos on the accomplishment. Mr. Koos provided additional details regarding the book.

Mr. Branham introduced himself to the Commission and provided information on his professional background.

Mr. Koos stated the Lower-Level Meeting Room at the Government Center was an inappropriate location for public meeting due to sound and ventilation issues. Staff responded that they are working with City Clerk's office to confirm meeting locations - future meetings should be held in Government Chambers on 4th Floor.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Graehling motioned to adjourn. Mr. Chissell seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM.