

MINUTES
BLOOMINGTON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING,
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015, 5:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
109 E. OLIVE ST., BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Graehling, Mr. Elterich, Mr. Sturgeon, Mr. Westerhout

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Durham, Mr. Williams

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Woolard, City Planner

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Kennedy called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Woolard called the roll.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES: The commission reviewed the minutes from the March 19, 2015 meeting. Mr. Elterich moved to approve the minutes as drafted. Mr. Graehling seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6-0.

REGULAR AGENDA:

BHP-03-15. Review of petition submitted by Shelley M. Pysell requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for a fence, for the John A. Kerr-Frank Hamilton House, Eastlake influence; 1874, located at 410 E. Walnut Street, in the Franklin Square National Register Historic District

Chairman Kennedy introduced the case. Mr. Woolard stated the site plan shows the location of the fence which will be along McLean. The drawing shows the fence which meets the standards.

Ms. Pysell, 410 E. Walnut Street, stated she picked this type of fence trying to have it be historically accurate with the house. It would be accurate for that period. It will have the Hamilton Puppy Picket at the lower level.

Mr. Westerhout moved to approve case BHP-03-15 for the Certificate of Appropriateness for the fence at 410 E. Walnut Street. Mr. Sturgeon seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5 to 0 with the following votes being cast on roll call: Mr. Elterich-yes; Mr. Kennedy-yes; Ms. Graehling-yes; Mr. Westerhout-yes; Mr. Sturgeon-yes.

Case BHP-04-15. Review of petition submitted by Shelley M. Pysell requesting up to \$1,990.25 Funk, Jr. Historic Preservation Grant for a new fence for the John A. Kerr-Frank Hamilton House, Eastlake influence; 1874, located at located at 410 E. Walnut Street, in the Franklin Square National Register Historic District

Chairman Kennedy introduced the case. Mr. Woolard stated the grant language stipulates the fence needs to be historically significant for approval. Chairman Kennedy stated this would be different if there was evidence of a historic fence. There was discussion on tabling the case pending evidence of a historic fence. Ms. Pysell stated she would appreciate the tabling of the case.

Mr. Sturgeon moved to table case BHP-04-15. Mr. Elterich seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5 to 0 with the following votes being cast on roll call: Mr. Elterich-yes; Mr. Kennedy-yes; Ms. Graehling-yes; Mr. Westerhout-yes; Mr. Sturgeon-yes.

Chairman Kennedy advised Ms. Pysell that the grant is on a first come, first served basis and it would be better that she come back sooner than later.

Case BHP-05-15. Review of the application submitted by Haney Rental requesting an up to \$25,000.00 Harriet Fuller Rust Facade Grant consisting of roof work for the Murray-Medberry Company building, 1914, located at 407-409 W. Washington Street.

Chairman Kennedy introduced the case. Mr. Woolard explained the roof project is not merely maintenance and is eligible for the grant. The roof will not be visible from the street.

Mr. Joe Haney, of Haney Plumbing and Rental at 9030 Hardesty Run, stated they renovated the old building and they have run into problems. There were ice dams and water damage into the new apartments. He explained the new roof will be iso with EPDM and will wrap down around the back. The iso will have a thermal barrier. It is essentially a rolled rubber roof over the insulation. Ms. Graehling stated it is a straightforward situation and needs to be done.

Mr. Sturgeon moved to approve case BHP-05-15. Ms. Graehling seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5 to 0 with the following votes being cast on roll call: Mr. Elterich-yes; Mr. Kennedy-yes; Ms. Graehling-yes; Mr. Westerhout-yes; Mr. Sturgeon-yes.

Mr. Westerhout said to Mr. Haney that what he has done is really great, in taking an eyesore and turning it back into something fantastic. Mr. Haney offered a tour for anyone interested.

Mr. Sturgeon said that he wanted to make sure his motion was clear and he corrected his motion to be for case BHP-05-15 and not BHP-06-15. Ms. Graehling seconded the motion which passed by a voice vote of 5 yes to 0 no.

Case BHP-06-15 Review of application submitted by Mid Central Community Action: Caleb Phillips requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for new doors for the James S. Neville House, Queen Anne form; 1885, Warren H. Milner, architect with alterations in 1902 by Arthur L. Pillsbury, architect, located at 1101 E. Jefferson Street in the Davis Jefferson Historic District.

Chairman Kennedy introduced the case. Mr. Woolard explained the project involves doors. The new glass will not be replacing old historic glass.

Mr. Caleb Phillips, from Goodfield, Illinois and the Maintenance Technician with Mid Central Community Action, stated they are looking to replace the glass for the front doors but not the entire doors. It will have a protective film and a two way mirror. Chairman Kennedy stated he is going a much better route from a historic and economic perspective. Mr. Westerhout stated the proposal is quite good. Mr. Phillips said the existing side door is hollow. He said the Old House Society warehouse helped him find a door that fits the right opening and thickness. He said they will find fittings, hinges and door knobs that will fit. His plan is to get the door knob from the warehouse. Commissioners agreed that it is acceptable if the knobs and hinges came from the Old House Society's warehouse.

Mr. Sturgeon moved to approve case BHP-06-15. Ms. Graehling seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5 to 0 with the following votes being cast on roll call: Mr. Elterich-yes; Mr. Kennedy-yes; Ms. Graehling-yes; Mr. Westerhout-yes; Mr. Sturgeon-yes.

Mr. Phillips explained they want to construct a garage but there is an issue with it being close to a tree and the accessible ramp right there. Chairman Kennedy stated a lift may be acceptable because the accessible requirements may over rule the historic preservation. A screen would be desirable. Ms. Graehling stated the lift at the David Davis Mansion has been unreliable. Mr. Phillips said he will research the lift issue.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion Historic Preservation Agency Awards: The Commission agreed the submission deadline will change to six to eight weeks ahead of their meeting and otherwise the document is acceptable.

Review of Procedures for Certificate of Appropriateness and Grant Applications: The commission agreed the language is acceptable.

Ms. Graehling moved to approve the language as submitted. Mr. Sturgeon seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5 to 0 with the following votes being cast on roll call: Mr. Elterich-yes; Mr. Kennedy-yes; Ms. Graehling-yes; Mr. Westerhout-yes; Mr. Sturgeon-yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Report on Historic Preservation Activities.

Mr. Woolard stated there has been a new commissioner appointed and anticipates her being at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Westerhout made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Sturgeon seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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