



MINUTES
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BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS
THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021, 5:00 P.M.
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Prior to 15 minutes before the start of the meeting, 1) those persons wishing to provide public comment or testify at the meeting registered at www.cityblm.org/register, and/or 2) those persons wishing to provide written comment emailed their comments to publiccomment@cityblm.org.

Members of the public could also attend the meeting at City Hall. Attendance was limited to the lesser of 10 persons or 10% of room capacity and will require compliance with City Hall COVID-19 protocols and social distancing.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

The Historic Preservation Commission convened in Regular Session virtually via zoom conferencing with the City Planner, Katie Simpson, Economic & Community Development Assistant Director, Kimberly Smith, and Chairperson Paul Scharnett in-person in City Hall's Council Chambers at 5:04 p.m. Thursday, April 15, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Scharnett and livestreamed to the public at www.cityblm.org/live.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Mr. Paul Scharnett	Chair	Present
Mr. Bobby Castillo	Commissioner	Present
Ms. Georgene Chissell	Commissioner	Joined at 5:12
Ms. Sherry Graehling	Commissioner	Present
Mr. Greg Koos	Commissioner	Present
Ms. Dawn Peters	Commissioner	Present
Mr. George Boyle	Assistant Corporate Counsel	Present
Ms. Kimberly Smith	Economic & Community Development Assistant Director	Present
Ms. Katie Simpson	City Planner	Present
Ms. Caitlin Kelly	Assistant City Planner	Present

COVID-19

This meeting was held virtually via live stream. Public comment was accepted up until 15 minutes before the start of the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kelby Cumpston provided public comment regarding the remaining balance of the brick streets. 75 or 25% match for accessibility rather than 50/50 or 100% to grant. He discussed collaboration between the Property Maintenance Review Board and the Historic Preservation Commission.

4. MINUTES

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the March 18, 2021 meeting. Chairperson Scharnett presented a minor scrivener's error. Ms. Graehling had additional suggestions for amending the wording of a section of the minutes. Ms. Graehling made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Castillo seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Castillo - Yes, Mr. Koos - Yes, Ms. Graehling - Yes, Ms. Peters - Yes, Chairperson Scharnett - Yes. The motion was approved (5-0-0)

5. REGULAR AGENDA

A. BHP-05-21 Consideration, review, and action on a petition submitted by Linda Girard requesting approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for roof replacement and repairs, for the property located at 404 E Walnut Street (21-04-203-013), Foursquare, Charles A. Hilts House, c. 1914 (Ward 4)

Ms. Kelly provided the staff report and stated staff's recommendation of approval with additional conditions to be approved by the chair before issuing the COA. The conditions included ensuring the drip edge matches the existing material, and that the roof vent not be visible to the street.

Ms. Linda Girard, 404 E Walnut, was sworn in. She explained the existing slate roof was damaged and spoke with many roofers in town, most of which were unwilling to perform the work. She stated that the Di Vinci roof product was proposed by a roofer. After discussions with City Staff regarding the Architectural Review Guidelines, she got a second quote for asphalt shingles.

No one else spoke in favor or against the item. Mr. Scharnett opened the item up for discussion. Mr. Scharnett explained that he does not necessarily agree with the condition that the drip edge matches the existing material. Mr. Scharnett discussed the roofing material. Mr. Koos felt that it was unnecessary to have matching flashing and valleys.

Ms. Graehling motioned approve the findings of fact as presented in the staff report and approve the Certificate of Appropriateness, with the condition that the attic vent is not visible from the street. Ms. Chissell seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Castillo - Yes, Mr. Koos - Yes, Ms. Chissell - Yes, Ms. Graehling - Yes, Ms. Peters - Yes, Chairperson Scharnett - Yes. The motion was approved (6-0-0)

B. BHP-06-21 Consideration, review, and action on a petition submitted by Linda Girard requesting a Funk Grant in the amount of \$5,000.000 for roof replacement and repairs, for the property located at 404 E Walnut Street (21-04-203-013), Foursquare, Charles A. Hilts House, c. 1914 (Ward 4)

Ms. Kelly presented the staff report and positive recommendation.

Ms. Girard explained the project will exclude the windows.

Ms. Chissell motioned to establish the findings of fact as presented in staff report and approve the grant up to \$5,000.00 for new roof at 404 E Walnut. Ms. Graehling seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Castillo - Yes, Mr. Koos - Yes, Ms. Chissell - Yes, Ms. Graehling - Yes, Ms. Peters - Yes, Chairperson Scharnett - Yes. The motion was approved (6-0-0)

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. National Preservation Month Activities Update

Ms. Chissell provided an update to the preservation month activities. Ms. Graehling discussed the proposed banners to recognize the winners from last year's preservation awards.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. ADA vs Brick Streets.

The Commission concluded that their stance was to provide a recommendation to City Council and the decision would rest with them. The Commission requested placing accessibility improvements on the future agenda.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM.

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ATTEST

Paul Scharnett, Chairperson

Katie Simpson, City Planner