

MINUTES
BLOOMINGTON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, February 18, 2016, 5:04 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
109 E. OLIVE ST., BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Graehling, Mr. Williams, Mr. Elterich,
Ms. Bailen
MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Sturgeon
OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Tom Dabareiner, Community Development Director
Ms. Katie Simpson, City Planner

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 5:04 P.M.
ROLL CALL: Mr. Dabareiner called the roll.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ELECTION OF CHAIR: Ms. Graehling nominated Mr. Williams for Chairman; seconded by Mr. Elterich. The motion was **approved** by a vote of 4-0 with the following votes cast in favor on roll call: Ms. Graehling-yes; Mr. Elterich-yes; Ms. Bailen-yes; Vice Chairman Williams-yes.

Mr. Elterich nominated Ms. Graehling for Vice Chair; seconded by Ms. Bailen. The motion was **approved** by a vote of 4-0 with the following votes cast in favor on roll call: Mr. Elterich-yes; Ms. Bailen-yes; Ms. Graehling-yes; Chairman Williams-yes.

There was general discussion about the two mayoral nominees to fill the two vacant positions.

MINUTES: The Commission reviewed the minutes from the October 15, 2015 meeting. Ms. Graehling noted a scrivener's error change on page noting it should read the future meeting as May of 2016, not 2015. Mr. Elterich moved for approval of the minutes as amended; seconded by Ms. Bailen. The motion was **approved** by a vote of 4-0 with the following votes cast in favor on roll call: Mr. Elterich-yes; Ms. Bailen-yes; Ms. Graehling-yes; Chairman Williams-yes.

REGULAR AGENDA:

BHP-01-16. Consideration, review and approval of the application for the application submitted by Jeff and Tara Henry requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for 1) restoration and repair of west porch, 2) elevation of screened porch to corner to remedy rain water misdirection which is resulting in drainage problems for the Adlai E Stevenson II house, Prairie (Arthur Pillsbury, architect), c. 1900, located at 1316 E Washington Street.

Chairman Williams introduced the first case but inquired as to the ability to vote on the case because he is the contractor for the petitioner, or whether the Commission could only hear the case then vote next month. Mr. Dabareiner concluded that he could vote present and maintain the quorum of appointees required by code, and upon obtaining the other three votes, the cases could

move affirmatively forward. Chairman Williams asked for the staff report. Mr. Dabareiner introduced Ms. Simpson as the new City Planner; after a brief review of her background, she provided the staff report. Ms. Simpson discussed both this case and BHP-02-16 together because they relate to the same property. She described the proposed work and recommended in favor for both the COA and the Funk Grant request.

Tara Henry made herself available for questions. Ms. Bailen asked about the condition for reversibility of the railing. Ms. Simpson noted that it was not part of the original design so this condition allows it to be removed in the future to achieve compatibility if desired. Mr. Elterich does not believe the location of the railing is a critical concern as long as it can be removed, but the point still needs to be made. Ms. Graehling asked about the step count, identifying four, and questioning whether it should be five; Chairman Williams clarified it may need five steps because of the height to meet code. Chairman Williams noted that some shingle repair work should not be included; Ms. Graehling asked if the new total cost figure would go down to about \$5,500.00. After some discussion, Ms. Henry concurred.

Ms. Henry explained that she is acquiring the material from salvaged materials and she brought in sample for the spindle and posts. The Commissioners reviewed the materials. Ms. Henry sought to clarify how many spindles were needed; Chairman Williams indicated enough so that the spindles were no more than four inches apart.

Mr. Elterich moved for approval of Case BHP-01-16; seconded by Ms. Bailen. The motion was **approved** by a vote of 3-0-1 with the following votes cast in favor on roll call: Mr. Elterich-yes; Ms. Graehling-yes; Ms. Bailen-yes; Chairman Williams-present.

BHP-02-16. Consideration, review and approval of the application for the application submitted by Jeff and Tara Henry requesting a Funk Grant for 1) restoration and repair of west porch, 2) elevation of screened porch to corner to remedy rain water misdirection which is resulting in drainage problems for the Adlai E Stevenson II house, Prairie (Arthur Pillsbury, architect), c. 1900, located at 1316 E Washington Street.

Mr. Elterich asked if the funds were available for award of the Funk Grant; Mr. Dabareiner stated yes. Mr. Elterich moved for approval of Case BHP-02-16, as amended to \$5,500 total; seconded by Ms. Bailen. The motion was **approved** by a vote of 3-0-1 with the following votes cast in favor on roll call: Mr. Elterich-yes; Ms. Bailen-yes; Ms. Graehling-yes; Chairman Williams-present.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Dabareiner noted the item listed in the agenda was accidentally carried over from the last meeting and no additional discussion is needed.

Chairman Williams stated that the Commission is supposed to hold meetings every month whether or not there are agenda items for discussion in accord with state historic preservation requirements.

There was extensive general discussion about the downtown hotel proposal. Chairman Williams stated he would like the Commission to be involved, as may be appropriate. Mr. Dabareiner indicated that the proposal remains a concept at this point, but given its location this Commission would have some review role.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Elterich made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Graehling seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Dabareiner AICP
Community Development Director