

MINUTES
BLOOMINGTON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING,
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2013 5:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
109 E. OLIVE ST., BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Sherry Graehling, Mr. Dan Greene, Mr. John Elterich, Mr. Brad Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Carson Durham, Jeff Kennedy

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Woolard, City Planner

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

ROLL CALL: Mr. Woolard called the roll.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MINUTES: The commissioners reviewed the minutes from the July 18, 2013, meeting and had no changes to such. Mr. Elterich moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Mrs. Graehling seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Case BHP-11-13 Review of application submitted by Micheal L. Casey-Beich requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for a rebuilt porch for the A.C. Cowles House, Queen Anne variant, 1885, Warren H. Milner, architect, located at 1107 E. Jefferson Street in the Davis-Jefferson Historic District.

Vice-Chairman Williams introduced the case. Ms. Micheal Casey-Beich, 1107 E. Jefferson Street and her contractor, William Anderson of 1113 S. Oak Street explained the back of the house is where the porch is and is not easily visible from the street and has been in poor condition. The supporting members, the floor joist, steps and fascia need replaced. It will need a railing and has very little architectural features on it. He will try to keep the skirting. There was discussion on the railing and materials. The spindles need to be in between the top and bottom rails. The columns will be reused and there will be new materials on the decking, floor joists, step skirts and treated lumber on the ground and treated lumber for the stringers.

Vice-Chairman Williams said he looked at all of the drawings and everything is covered. Mr. Anderson explained he was going to reuse the basement doors but they need repaired along with a more solid base.

After due consideration, Mr. Elterich moved to approve, as submitted, the Certificate of Appropriateness in case BHP-11-13. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Graehling, which passed by a vote of 4-0.

Case BHP-12-13 Review of application submitted by Micheal L. Casey-Beich requesting an up to \$2000.00 Eugene D. Funk, Jr. Historic Preservation Grant for a rebuilt porch for the A.C. Cowles House, Queen Anne variant, 1885, Warren H. Milner, architect, located at 1107 E. Jefferson Street in the Davis-Jefferson Historic District.

Vice-Chairman Williams introduced the case and the Commission agreed with the request. After due consideration, Mr. Elterich moved to approve the petition for \$2,000 in case BHP-12-13. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greene, which passed by a vote of 4-0.

Case BHP-13-13. Review of the application submitted by Joe and Ruth Haney requesting an up to \$25,000.00 Harriet Fuller Rust Facade Grant consisting of masonry repairs, windows/doors, exterior lighting and walls, roof and railings for the building located at 407-409 W. Washington Street, in the Downtown Bloomington Historic District.

Vice-Chairman Williams introduced the case and Mr. Haney provided the Commission with a colored drawing indicating what the building will look like. The new door will be more of a carriage door. The façade will have herringbone brick above the entry doors and at the top. There will be limestone above the windows. Mr. Haney stated there will not be any vinyl windows but rather Crestline wood, with aluminum clad. Mrs. Graehling emphasized how this will be a gift to the downtown. Mrs. Haney said their architect has designed the building to try to follow the lines as much as possible. She had researched what the building was used for and described some its early features. They will work around the existing columns and there will be windows in the middle of the columns.

After due consideration, Mr. Elterich moved to approve the \$25,000 facade grant in case BHP-13-13. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Graehling, which passed by a vote of 4-0.

Case BHP-9-13. Review of the application submitted by Green Building LLC, (Bob Varicella/Fred Wolfram) requesting an up to \$25,000.00 Harriet Fuller Rust Facade Grant consisting of tuck pointing, masonry repairs, steel lintel repairs, metal repairs, new vent covers, and replace window sills for the B.S. Green building, Arthur A. Pillsbury Architect, 1901, located at 115 E. Monroe Street, in the Downtown Bloomington National Register Historic District.

Vice-Chairman Williams explained the applicant is not present and this case was reviewed at the previous meeting where more information needed to be provided. The information still needed pertained to the sandstone verses limestone sills. The type of caulk has been answered in the packet. The mortar pigments were provided in the packet but that is not for the limestone sills. The Commission discussed that since there is much money involved approval should not be given until all of the questions are answered. There was concern that the contrast and colors would match and the applicant needs to be present to explain the proposal.

After due consideration, Mrs. Grueling moved to lay this case over until the next meeting because the criteria for a decision has not all been fulfilled. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greene, which passed by a vote of 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Report of Historic Preservation Activities:

Mr. Woodard reminded the Commission about the upcoming workshop on financial incentives including the Rust grant and state grant programs. Vice-Chairman Williams said the Boards and Commissions Appreciation Banquet is coming up in a few weeks. There was a brief discussion on the need for a new commissioner.

Any Other New Business that May Arise: None

Mr. Enteric made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Grueling seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6: 16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Woolard
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