

**MINUTES
BLOOMINGTON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING,
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015, 5:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
109 E. OLIVE ST., BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Durham, Mr. Sturgeon

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Dabareiner, Community Development Director
Steve Rasmussen, Assistant City Manager
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 commissioners reviewed the minutes from the December 18, 2014 meeting. Mr. Elterich moved to approve the minutes as drafted. Mr. Williams stated did not have a chance to read the minutes. Mr. Westerhout seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0, with Mr. Williams abstaining.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Case BHP-14-14 Review of application submitted by Jeff and Tara Henry, requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for porch repairs, masonry and windows for the Adlai E. Stevenson II House, 1900, Arthur L. Pillsbury, Architect, a designated site on the National Register of Historic Places, and located at 1316 East Washington Street.

Chairman Kennedy introduced the case. Mr. Woolard explained there have been a few changes from the original approval. Tara Henry, 1316 E. Washington Street stated the windows are from an old door. She explained they are better than the originally proposed Pellow windows, they are old and they match. Mr. Westerhout stated the change will be better than the original proposal. The door will be corner and base block instead of flat block as they will make it look old. Mr. Westerhout stated the changes to the decorative molding will also be better than the previous flat stock. The fixture will be for the exterior and it is really old.

Mr. Westerhout moved to approve the amendments to case BHP-14-14 as presented. Mr. Elterich seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5 to 0 with the following votes being cast on roll call: Mr. Williams--yes; Mr. Elterich--yes; Mr. Kennedy--yes; Ms. Graehling--yes; Mr. Westerhout--yes; Mr. Sturgeon--absent; Mr. Durham--absent.

Case BHP-15-14. Review of petition submitted by Jeff and Tara Henry requesting up to \$2,500.00 Funk, Jr. Historic Preservation Grant for porch repairs, masonry and windows for the Adlai E. Stevenson II House, 1900, Arthur L. Pillsbury, Architect, a designated site on the National Register of Historic Places, and located at 1316 East Washington Street.

Chairman Kennedy introduced the case. Mr. Woolard stated the current estimate is more than the original as it has increased.

Mr. Elterich moved to approve case BHP-15-14 as modified. Mr. Westerhout seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5 to 0 with the following votes being cast on roll call: Mr. Williams--yes; Mr. Elterich--yes; Mr. Kennedy--yes; Ms. Graehling--yes; Mr. Westerhout--yes; Mr. Sturgeon--absent; Mr. Durham--absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion Historic Preservation Agency Awards: The commission discussed the changes to the draft application for the awards. Wording will change in the descriptions of the nomination and projects, and the legacy/multi-generational, sections. The city logo will also be inserted on the first page. The commission emphasized the importance of the legacy provision and how the twenty year requirement is fair. There was discussion on how to promote the awards. Mr. Rasmussen stated we have a very good information officer who can give this information to the media. The water bill's newsletter, contacts from the outreach for the comprehensive plan, the Old House Society are other means of promotions. The submission deadline will be May 8, with the nominations reviewed on May 21. The awards will be presented at a council meeting in June.

Review of Procedures for Certificate of Appropriateness and Grant Applications:

Mr. Woolard introduced the changes to the language as previously discussed. The consensus was that second paragraph will be changed to reflect when an amendment can occur. An amendment form is also needed with a description of the original case and the changes

NEW BUSINESS: Report of Historic Preservation Activities:

There was discussion on the status of the porch project on East Washington and the door at the Stevenson House. Mr. Woolard will continue to investigate. There was discussion on the Commission's authority regarding power to override building code requirements pertaining to stairs and railings.

Mr. Williams and the Commission thanked the Thompson's and their tenants for the tour of the Gridley Mansion.

The Commission discussed the downtown historic areas. Mr. Williams described how people in Detroit are moving back into old building because of the historic architecture. Ms. Graehling stated it is also happening in St. Louis.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Elterich made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Westerhout seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Woolard, City Planner

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