

MINUTES
BLOOMINGTON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING,
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 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, Mr. Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Durham

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Woolard, City Planner

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Kennedy called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Woolard called the roll.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES: The commission reviewed the minutes from the February 19, 2015 meeting. On page one, “scriber’s” is to change to “scrivener’s”. Mr. Elterich moved to approve the minutes as drafted with the one correction. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6-0.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Discussion of improvements to the Dodson-Stevenson House; Italianate style, 1869 (Marker), located at 901 North McLean Street in the Franklin Square Historic District

Chairman Kennedy introduced the discussion. Mr. Woolard stated this is just for general discussion. Mr. John Cleary, 24762 Nighthawk, Hudson, IL 61748, stated he mostly want to make repairs such work on the fascia, soffits and the south porch. He said rebuilding the other porch is on the five year plan but wants to keep the rest from deteriorating. He would like to rebuild the window wells. He wants to keep the apartments as they are for now. He said someone might want to turn it back into a single-family. The staircase may be a project and he may rebuild the skylight. Chairman Kennedy explained the application process and how sufficient information will needs to be submitted. The type of materials are important. Mr. Cleary said he would like to replace items like for like. He would repair the windows and the majority of the house still has all wood windows. He thinks the front windows are all original wood.

Mr. Westerhout emphasized generally submitting more information is better and it is hard to have too much information.

There was discussion on the back stairs, staff approval for maintenance work verses the commission’s review, the window well and the garage. Mr. Cleary said he was thinking of rebuilding the garage but still use part of the existing walls.

Mr. Elterich stated we are very encouraged that you want to take this work on and we want to see this succeed. He said we will be happy to share what we know. Chairman Kennedy stated he appreciated him attending and discussing the projects.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion Historic Preservation Agency Awards: The commission discussed changes to the document. Under “Legacy/Multi-Generational”, “greater” will change to “longer”. The commission agreed the document is acceptable with the one change.

Review of Procedures for Certificate of Appropriateness and Grant Applications: The commission discussed several changes to the instruction document as suggested by Ms. Graehling. Changes include “your” or “you” becoming neutral or “the”. Paragraph five will end after “codes”. The phrase “(third Thursday of every month)” will be added to the sixth paragraph”. The first paragraph will be broken and “Generally” will be dropped in section two.

NEW BUSINESS:

Report on Historic Preservation Activities. Chairman Kennedy stated that the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency grant application was denied. Commissioners agreed that we should apply again.

Mr. Woolard stated the grant funding for the downtown has been proposed for FY 2016 but the budget is not approved yet. He also highlighted the upcoming workshop sponsored by the Illinois Main Street.

Commissioners encouraged Mr. Cleary to find a door at the Old House Society and to reuse old doors.

Mr. Woolard explained how the building inspector and enforcement is occurring for the house on East Washington.

There was a brief discussion on the zoning for 702 E. Front which does not have the S-4 zoning.

Caleb Phillips, 202 Stallion Way, Goodfield, IL 61742, stated Mid Central Community Action owns the house at 1101 E. Jefferson Street. He asked a few questions about future work on the house. He discussed replacing the glass for an exterior door for security reasons. Chairman Kennedy encouraged him to look into safety glass. He also would like to build a carport, carriage house, or garage. The garage should mirror the architecture of the home. The house at 1418 E. Grove has a carriage house that was recently done that can be used as an example. The materials should match the house and be very durable.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Elterich made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Williams seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Woolard, City Planner

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