

MINUTES
BLOOMINGTON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING,
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2015, 5:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
109 E. OLIVE ST., BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Sturgeon

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Tom Dabareiner, Community Development Director

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

ROLL CALL: Mr. Dabareiner called the roll.
Chairman Kennedy welcomed Ann Bailen as a new Commissioner.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bruce Meeks provided a handout for viable alternatives for demolition to be identified. He stated this could be done by the Commission and ordinance. It is a balance for the property owners, citizens and the Commission. He said we need citizens involved and more discussion. He said he could come back and make a presentation and is open for more discussion.

Mr. Caleb Phillips, of Mid Central Community Action, stated he wanted to know about materials for a possible wheel chair ramp. Chairman Kennedy encouraged him to use wood if it is there now. Mr. Phillips stated they would like to replace the shed. The Commission encouraged him to make it compatible with the house.

Ms. Alison Parla, 1215 E. Washington Street, stated she is here to apply for a certificate of appropriateness to paint her home. Chairman Kennedy directed her to apply through staff. She said she applied but was told she it could not be on the agenda until May and then was told she would not be on the agenda because of the porch issue. She stated you will not review the application to remove the lead paint even though the City's web site states you move quickly on lead paint and we have a mitigation plan from the State's Health Department. Commissioners said you do not need a certificate to do painting unless you are doing repair work. Mr. Westerhout said without fully knowing the scope we need to be careful of what we say. He said as far building permits go you need to check with the appropriate department and make sure that whatever you are doing is within the proper purview. The Commission emphasized how they cannot circumvent the Public Meetings Act and discuss a review that is not on the agenda. Ms. Parla emphasized how this is a health hazard for her family. She asked about approval for the porch and said she never received specifications.

MINUTES: The commission reviewed the minutes from the April 16, 2015 meeting. On page two, "serve" is to be "served" and "base" is to be "basis". Mr. Elterich moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6-0 with the

following votes being cast on roll call: Mr. Elterich-yes; Mr. Williams-yes; Mr. Kennedy-yes; Ms. Graehling-yes; Mr. Westerhout-yes; Ms. Bailen-yes.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation for Carson Durham, AIA.

Chairman Kennedy presented Mr. Durham with a Certificate of Appreciation. The Commission thanked him for his many years of service.

Case BHP-07-15 Review of application submitted by Sandy L. Colbs, requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for repairs to the roof, deck, siding, windows, attic venting shutters, soffits, trim, gutters, downspouts, and painting for the William Gooding House, 1892, late Victorian Style, located at 1212 East Washington Street.

Chairman Kennedy introduced the case. Mr. Dabareiner explained that there were a number of items that staff suggested that the Commission look at. An estimate also is requested without the interior work.

Ms. Sandy Colbs, 1212 E. Washington Street, provided a revision statement. She stated Mark Dietrich is also present, who is the contractor for the project. There was discussion on the back deck and octagon. Ms. Colbs stated that is not visible from the street. There was discussion on the lumber and painting. Commissioners agreed that treated or a cedar tone treatment will be needed. The siding material will be matched from the Old House Society's warehouse. Mr. Dietrich stated with the gingerbread trim everything is still there but just needs to be put back with screws and glue. He said the flat roof spot repair is behind the front gable by the window. It is not visible from the street. A rubber roofing will be used. The upper gutter repair has a built in gutter. Mr. Dietrich said there will be some repair on that gutter. A crown molding and trim from the old house society will be used to replace what is missing. Mr. Williams said the replacement boards will be cedar. Old House Society will also be used for the siding material on the southeast corner above the porch roof.

Ms. Colbs said the down spout on the northwest corner of the porch had a rounded metal one put in which has fallen off. There was a rectangular one put inside it. This is on the ground floor level. She will be putting in a round one all the way down and remove the square one. Mr. Williams said the smooth round one will be accurate. She said one of the basement windows will have the glass replaced and the others just need the framing scraped, repainted and reglazed.

Mr. Dietrich said for the roof line on the upper line on the upper roof needs reroofed and a few crowns may need replaced which will be from the Old House Society. The round downspout repair on the north side of the house will be the same as the other one. The Commission emphasized the painting on the garage trim will not have power washing and will need to be hand scraped. The shutters on the west side need to be replaced. The dimensions will be the same. The mildew will be bleached and no power washing will be used. The siding painting is acceptable.

Mr. Westerhout moved to approve case BHP-07-15 for the Certificate of Appropriateness for the William Gooding House, 1892, late Victorian Style, located at 1212 East Washington Street as

discussed. Mr. Williams seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0 with the following votes being cast on roll call: Mr. Elterich-yes; Mr. Williams-yes; Mr. Kennedy-yes; Ms. Graehling-yes; Mr. Westerhout-yes; Ms. Bailen-yes.

Case BHP-08-15. Review of petition submitted by Sandy L. Colbs, requesting an up to \$2,500.00 Funk, Jr. Historic Preservation Grant for repairs to the roof, deck, siding, windows, attic venting shutters, soffits, trim, gutters, downspouts, and painting for the William Gooding House, 1892, late Victorian Style, located at 1212 East Washington Street.

Chairman Kennedy introduced the case. There was discussion on not including the painting with the grant. Ms. Colbs agreed with the Commission to remove the painting from the grant.

Ms. Graehling moved to accept case BHP-08-15 as written with the exception of amending it to strike the words “and painting” out of it. Mr. Westerhout seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0 with the following votes being cast on roll call: Mr. Elterich-yes; Mr. Williams-yes; Mr. Kennedy-yes; Ms. Graehling-yes; Mr. Westerhout-yes; Ms. Bailen-yes.

Case BHP-09-15. Review of the application submitted by Leslie Maurer requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for work on steps, the roof, and masonry for the Moses Montifiore Temple building, 1889, located at 315 N. Prairie Street.

Case BHP-10-15. Review of the application submitted by Leslie Maurer requesting an up to \$24,097.50 Harriet Fuller Rust Facade Grant for work on steps, the roof, and masonry for the Moses Montifiore Temple building, 1889, located at 315 N. Prairie Street.

Chairman Kennedy introduced the case. Ms. Leslie Maurer, owner of 315 Prairie Street, stated her goal for the building is to have it be an interfaith community center. The Commission reviewed the April 13, 2015, estimate provide by the Otto Baum Company. There was discussion on the railings and steps. Mr. Williams suggested that an angle iron could be used to support the steps. The Commission suggested using a mason contractor that is experienced and knowledgeable in alternatives for the steps. Ms. Maurer stated she would like to get additional estimates. Ms. Graehling stated the proposal is not the best for the building. Chairman Kennedy stated we would want to see original materials put back. Mr. Williams said replacements with stone will last another 130 years and ice melters do not bother the stone like it does on concrete. Ms. Maurer requested that the petitions be tabled.

Ms. Graehling moved to table case BHP-09-15 and BHP-10-15. Chairman Kennedy stated that this does not need a second and vote because the petitioner requested that the case be tabled.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion Heritage Recognition

The Commission agreed that the heritage certificate with signatures from the chair, vice-chair and the secretary similar to what Mr. Durham received will be sufficient.

Mr. Elterich inquired as to the status of the property at 1212 E. Washington St. Mr. Dabareiner explained that this is going through code enforcement and we cannot discuss such.

Chairman Kennedy welcomed Ms. Bailen to the Commission. Ms. Bailen stated that her family came here before the turn of the century, she is a real estate broker and she is very excited to be here.

NEW BUSINESS:

Report on Historic Preservation Activities.

Mr. Williams stated the Darrah House (702 E. Front St.) has been sold.

Chairman Kennedy stated that this was Mr. Westerhout's last Commission meeting and thanked him for serving.

Mr. Dabareiner stated that he is in awe of the commissioners with the knowledge that is brought forward and with what is contributed to the discussion. He said he has never seen a group that works so well together.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Graehling made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Williams seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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