

MINUTES
BLOOMINGTON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING,
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 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, Ms. Bailen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Sturgeon

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Woolard, City Planner

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Kennedy called the meeting to order at 5:04 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Woolard called the roll.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES: The June minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Consideration, review and approval of the application for Case BHP-16-15 submitted by Gaye Beck requesting an up to \$21,667.50 Harriet Fuller Rust Facade Grant for work on windows, a door, masonry and the front facade for the Helbig Building, 1901, George Miller, Architect, located at 312-314 N. Main Street in the Downtown Bloomington National Register District

Chairman Kennedy introduced the case. Mr. Woolard stated part of the request is for bricking in windows. He explained generally we would not like to see this however they are on the side and not likely to be seen from the street. The removal of the 1950's facade to a stone or brick will be a more historic appearance and an improvement.

Ms. Gaye Beck stated there are windows on the south side that need to be replaced. The front tin stuff needs to be removed. The original cast iron will be restored. The transom area will be painted and redone. It was built as a European hotel with commercial on the first floor. The door is not original to the building and she would like to move it inward 3-4 feet. She would install a secure commercial door. She wants to do brick in the front and is 98 percent what is behind the face is just structural. She is trying to bring the building back to what it would have looked like when it was built. She would try to match the upper level. The south side windows to be bricked go nowhere as there is wall beyond it. Several upper window spaces are boarded now and will have new windows. There will also be tuck-pointing.

Mr. Elterich moved to approve case BHP-16-15 as submitted. Mr. Williams 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; Ms. Graehling-yes; Ms. Bailen-yes; Mr. Kennedy-yes.

Consideration, review and approval of the application for Case BHP-17-15 submitted by Diana Krieg requesting a City of Bloomington Heritage Recognition for restoration and landscape restoration for the property located at 402 E Grove Street.

Chairman Kennedy introduced the case. Commissioners agreed the property was well worth approval. Ms. Graehling stated she would be honored to place this into submission.

Ms. Graehling moved to approve case BHP-17-15 for City of Bloomington Heritage Recognition for restoration and landscape restoration. 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; Ms. Graehling-yes; Ms. Bailen-yes; Mr. Kennedy-yes.

Consideration, review and approval of the application for Case BHP-18-15 submitted by Stephen J. Burkart requesting a City of Bloomington Heritage Recognition for restoration and landscape restoration for the property located at 607 S. Clinton Street.

Chairman Kennedy introduced the case. Mr. Stephen Burkart said the house was built in 1910. He stated when he got the house and it was a total mess. The neighbors thought it was going to be condemned. First he put a new roof on because it was leaking and water went all through the house. He said he has had it five years. Chairman Kennedy stated there has been a lot of work in five years.

Mr. Williams moved to pass case BHP-18-15 as written. Mr. Graehling 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; Ms. Graehling-yes; Ms. Bailen-yes; Mr. Kennedy-yes.

Consideration, review and approval of the application for Case BHP-19-15 submitted by Ruth Haney requesting a City of Bloomington Heritage Recognition for restoration for the property located at 701 W. Wood Street.

Chairman Kennedy introduced the case. Ms. Ruth Haney stated when the house was bought it was a disaster. The house has a huge history. They had contacted the granddaughter that grew up in the home and she provided much information. The uncle who lived there became a very famous person. He knew Cecil Demille and found munchkins for the Wizard of Oz. He did Christmas movies and cartoon characters. They found a large mirror from the Jay Gold estate. It took them two years to restore the home. The leaded glass was not damaged. The original coach house was rebuilt. He had Lucile Ball write a letter to his mother. He donated the little trains to Miller Park. It was such an eyesore, condemned and has had much restoration.

Mr. Elterich moved to approve case BHP-19-15 as submitted. Mr. Williams 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; Ms. Graehling-yes; Ms. Bailen-yes; Mr. Kennedy-yes.

Consideration, review and approval of the application for Case BHP-20-15 submitted by Joe and Ruth Haney requesting a City of Bloomington Heritage Recognition for restoration and adaptive reuse for the property located at 407-409 W. Washington Street.

Chairman Kennedy introduced the case. Mr. Joe Haney stated the building was built as a retail farm implement building. It was constructed as a fireproof building. They have converted it to six loft apartments and commercial space on the ground space. They have a parking garage space. It turned out better than they expected. Ms. Haney stated they have tried to incorporate as much of the old items as they could such as the elevator gate, columns and the panels from an old wood door. The upper brick work was close to the original.

Mr. Elterich moved to approve case BHP-20-15 as submitted. Mr. Williams 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; Ms. Graehling-yes; Ms. Bailen-yes; Mr. Kennedy-yes.

Consideration, review and approval of the application for Case BHP-21-15 submitted by Adam & Alison Parla, requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for porch repairs for the two story house, late 1850s, Italianate Style, located at 1215 East Washington Street.

Chairman Kennedy introduced the case. Mr. Woolard explained the project is for the repair of the columns. Chairman Kennedy stated they are repairing the columns that were previously removed, removing the 4 x 4 posts and the aluminum cladding, and replacing the repaired original columns to the porch.

Mr. Dietrich stated the plan is to use cedar or ash. He thinks he can get the trim at the Old House Society warehouse. Mr. Williams asked about pine that might be used. Mr. Dietrich said he did not think they would use pine but rather cedar or ash. Mr. Williams stated the original wood would have been old growth white pine from that period but ash or white oak would be fine.

Mr. Graehling moved to approve case BHP-21-15 application. Ms. Bailen 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; Ms. Graehling-yes; Ms. Bailen-yes; Mr. Kennedy-yes.

Consideration, review and approval of the application for Case BHP-22-15 submitted by Adam & Alison Parla requesting an up to \$2,500.00 Eugene D. Funk, Jr. Historic Preservation Grant for porch repairs for the two story house, late 1850s, Italianate Style, located at 1215 East Washington Street.

Chairman Kennedy introduced the case. Mr. Woolard stated the project is not eligible per the grant criteria which stipulates projects must follow the appropriate protocol by obtaining the certificate of appropriateness first. Chairman Kennedy explained only one grant per fiscal year is allowed for the property.

Mr. Adam Parla stated he feels the grant should be retroactive to the original certificate of appropriateness. In December Mr. Westerhout stated if they took care of the aluminum they would still be eligible for the grant. Mr. Woolard explained that how the Parla's made statements

about how they do not care about the grant anymore and thus the money was not encumbered from the previous fiscal year. Chairman Kennedy stated that it also was never approved in the first place. He stated that almost no one in the city gets money from the city to do repair work on their house. This is funded from yours and my tax dollars. It is a small amount and we are very judicious in granting those funds. There are far more projects than we have funds to provide.

Mr. Elterich moved to not approve case BHP-22-15. Mr. Williams 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; Ms. Graehling-yes; Ms. Bailen-yes; Mr. Kennedy-yes.

Consideration, review and approval of the application for Case BHP-23-15 submitted by Adam & Alison Parla, requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for painting for the two story house, late 1850s, Italianate Style, located at 1215 East Washington Street.

Chairman Kennedy introduced the case. He said the siding, doors, windows, trim, eaves, fascia and shutters are all going to be washed, scraped, caulked, filled, spot primed, and painted. They will hand wash as the power washers will bore holes. They need to hand sand the edges where they have scraped. Mr. Williams stated paint does not stick to sharp edges.

Mr. Elterich moved to approve case BHP-23-15 as submitted. Mr. Williams 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; Ms. Graehling-yes; Ms. Bailen-yes; Mr. Kennedy-yes.

Consideration, review and approval of the application for Case BHP-24-15 submitted by Adam & Alison Parla requesting an up to \$2,500.00 Eugene D. Funk, Jr. Historic Preservation Grant for painting for the two story house, late 1850s, Italianate Style, located at 1215 East Washington Street.

Chairman Kennedy introduced the case. Mr. Parla stated they are going with grey with white trim and black shutters and this will clean it up a lot. Chairman Kennedy stated there is only one grant for every ten years.

Mr. Elterich moved to approve case BHP-24-15 as submitted. Ms. Graehling 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; Ms. Graehling-yes; Ms. Bailen-yes; Mr. Kennedy-yes.

Chairman Kennedy stated you will need to download a copy of the grant and take photos of before, during and after the work providing evidence that the standards of the trades involved are met. For painting it involves photos of the appropriate scraping, hand washing, priming and painting. You will need to submit the photos, receipts and a tax form.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion Historic Preservation Recognition:

Mr. Woolard explained there was discussion of touring of the Haney building. If three or more want to go it at the same time it has to be set up as a meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Report on Historic Preservation Activities.

Mr. Williams stated someone purchased the Darrah house and they are using appropriate materials and will fix it as it should be.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Graehling made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Williams seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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