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A meeting of the Evansville Preservation Commission was held on Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at 5:30 p.m., in room 318 of the Civic Center Complex, Evansville, Indiana.

Attendance

Commission members: Pam Guthrie, Jody Phillips, Matthew Rowe, Chris Brown, and Charlene Williamson were in attendance. Eric Renschler and Christine Keck were absent as well as Mr. Tom Barnett Executive Director/Department of Metropolitan Development. Commission Attorney Mr. Joshua Mastison, and Mr. Dennis Au Historic Preservation Officer/Department of Metropolitan Development were in attendance.

Call to Order

Chairwoman Pam Guthrie called the meeting to order pronouncing a quorum present.

Election of Officers

Chair

Ms. Brown motioned to elect Pam Guthrie as President of the Evansville Historic Preservation Commission. Ms. Williamson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair

Mr. Rowe stated he would like to be considered for Vice Chair.

Ms. Williamson motioned to elect Matt Rowe as Vice President of the Evansville Historic Preservation Commission. Ms. Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from December 2, 2010

Mr. Rowe motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Phillips seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The minutes are attached and made part of these minutes.

Applications

09-staff approved-12-803 S.E. First Street – Tricia Tominack (continued))

Ms. Tominack stated she wants to build this fence so that when she lets her dogs out they will go directly out of the door into the fence area.

Mr. Au verbally described where the fence will be located and coordinated with the map provided with the application. Au pointed out the gate for the fence will be located adjacent to the garage.

One of the major concerns in this application is tree located on the property line shared with 807 S.E. First Street. Ms. Tominack conceded that she will build the fence around the tree and that before it is constructed, she will contact the Historic Preservation Officer to show him exactly where the fence will be located relative to the tree.

Mr. Tim Dodd, representative for the neighbor, expressed concern that the erection of the fence would interfere with the neighbor's ability to erect scaffolding or ladders for maintenance on her house. The applicant agreed to allow her neighbor on First Street to temporarily remove portions of the fence at the neighbor's expense if necessary for maintenance, with the understanding that if the fence needed to be temporarily moved, it would be done at the neighbor's expense.

Ms. Tominack stated the fence will be painted a wine color to match the accent color on the trim on the house. Some of the Commissioners did not think this color was appropriate. The matter of the paint color was tabled until painting season in the spring.

Mr. Phillips motioned to approve the application. Mr. Rowe seconded. The motioned passed unanimously. The application is attached and made part of these minutes.

Discussion of amendments Preservation Commission "Guidelines"

Establishment of time limits to address violations of Preservation Ordinance/Establishing limits on continuances/Fences

Ms. Guthrie reviewed the amendments to the "Guidelines" and expressed her opinion that they were acceptable.

Mr. Au presented drawings to compliment the "Guideline" amendments. He pointed out that the drawings should reflect the text of the amendment regarding fence set-backs. He stated Mr. Phillips will be drawing this up in CAD format for a better representation.

Mr. Mastison stated the height of the fence may vary with regards to the building codes.

Mr. Au stated he will look into the building codes and review the amendments. He will report what he finds at the next Commission meeting.

Old Business

New Harmony Historic Preservation Meeting in April

Ms. Guthrie stated there will be a statewide preservation conference in New Harmony April 7-9th. She asked that the Commissioners try to attend if possible.

Mr. Au stated this is a networking opportunity for the Preservation Commissioners. He also said that there will be programs related to Evansville.

New Business

2010 Meeting Dates

Ms. Guthrie stated if any Commissioners wish to change the date or time of the Commission meeting, this is the time to consider it.

Mr. Au stated that some consideration could be given to holding the meetings at 4:30pm instead of 5:30pm.

Mr. Phillips stated this may pose a problem for the general public to attend.
The Commission agreed and proposed keeping same time schedule.

Appointments to Commission

Mr. Au stated he will look up the guidelines for appointments with respect to time frames.

Adjournment

With no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.