



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

Attendance

Commission members: Pam Guthrie, Chris Brown, Jody Phillips, and Charlene Williamson were in attendance. Christine Keck, Eric Renschler, and Matthew Rowe 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 present.

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes from April 7, 2010

Ms. Williamson made a motion to approve the minutes with an amendment to the signage funding. Ms. Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The minutes are attached and made part of these minutes.

Applications

08-EPC-09-211 Oak Street-Forbes Real Estate Partners, LLC.

Mr. Au started by reviewing the Commission's actions on this case in 2008 and 2009. Au reminded the Commission that last fall they had given the applicant an extension until May to complete the work required in the Certificate of Appropriateness. Au noted that this work had not been done as agreed. He proposed to send Mr. Forbes a certified letter regarding the lack of progress. He stated there is a rumor that the building is for sale.

Ms. Guthrie inquired if Mr. Forbes is obligated to pass along information with regards to Historic Preservation requirements on the property to future owners. She asked that the letter state that this information be passed along to the future owner.

Mr. Mastison stated he believes there are no requirements that Mr. Forbes pass the information to future owners.

Mr. Au suggested that the letter should state that the subject of levying a fine will be addressed at the next Preservation Commission meeting.

The Commission agreed a letter should be sent to Mr. Forbes.

08-EPC-06-413 S.E. Second Street Patricia Risch, Assumption of CoA by Kim Williams

Mr. Au introduced the resolution.

Ms. Williams stated that she has a proposal to purchase Ms. Risch's house from the bank. The bank is requiring that she finish the work started under the Certificate of Appropriateness that was issued to Ms. Risch in 2008. She stated she may come back before the board with a few adjustments.

Ms. Guthrie stated if there are any changes, Ms. Williams will need to bring those changes back to the Commission.

Regarding this matter of the assumption of a Certificate of Appropriateness, Mr. Au stated this sets precedence for future applications.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the resolution. Ms. Williamson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The resolution is attached and made part of these minutes.

10-EPC-01-609 S.E. First Street Michael and Heidi Slavkin

Mrs. Heidi Salvkin stated this application is for replacement of aluminum siding with Hardy plank. She stated they are looking at staggered siding as accents on the gable in the front and not for the entire house.

Mr. Au asked that the applicant be more specific as to where they were going to use the shingles and where they were going to apply the clapboards. Regarding the shingles, Au said that it was his professional opinion that the only place where the shingles would be acceptable would be the gables.

The applicant responded that that was their plan to put the shingles in the gables and the clapboards everywhere else.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the resolution. Ms. Williamson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The resolution is attached and made part of these minutes.

Old Business

Ms. Guthrie gave an update on the signage for the Historic District. She said that they are talking to a sign company about samples. The signs will be placed at the main corridors to the district. There is no design yet, however there should be one by next month.

Regarding the house at 503 S.E. First Street, Mr. Au informed the Commission that the controversial celery color is going to be repainted a different color that should be more acceptable.

New Business

Preservation Month

Mr. Au presented the brochure for Historic Preservation month. The brochures have been distributed. Au reviewed the tours and activities for the month and told the Commission that he hoped the Commissioners would attend the activities.

Regarding the sheriff's sale of the Audubon apartment building, Ms. Williamson inquired if interested people would be allowed to walk through prior to the sale.

Mr. Au stated that since this was a sheriff's sale and not a bank foreclosure, the ownership has not transferred. Therefore the only way to legally walk through the building would be to get the permission of the current owner. Au went on to say that he found the original architectural drawings at Willard Library and that there were copies at DMD.

Adjournment

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