

MINUTES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING,
Thursday, November 14, 2013 @ 4:30 p.m.

Collins Conference Room, City Hall, 101 First Street SE

Members Present: Amanda McKnight-Grafton Chair
Todd McNall Vice-Chair
Moira Blake
Pat Cargin
Bob Grafton
Ron Mussman
Tim Oberbroeckling
Mark Stoffer Hunter
Barbara Westercamp

HPC City Staff: Thomas Smith, Planner
Alicia Abernathey, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Rick Held, Dave O'Clair, Robin Mixdorf, Tim Pendergast, Cindy Hadish

Call Meeting to Order

- Amanda McKnight-Grafton called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.
- Nine (9) Commissioners were present with none absent.

1. Approve Meeting Minutes

- Todd McNall made a motion to approve the minutes from October 24th. Tim Oberbroeckling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. New Business

a. Demolition Applications

i. 1401 O Avenue NW – City-Owned Property

- Thomas Smith stated the property is owned by Meth-Wick and the property will be demolished for use of the land as greenspace. The property has not been previously surveyed and the owners are willing to allow salvage and photo documentation.
- Mark Stoffer Hunter volunteered to serve as the HPC liaison for the property until photo documentation is complete.
- Tim Oberbroeckling made a motion to approve demolition of 1401 O Avenue NW. Ron Mussman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Pat Cargin arrived at 4:37 p.m.

ii. 912 18th Avenue SW – Private Property

- Ms. McKnight-Grafton stated the property owner has pulled the demolition application until January. There may also be an interested party in redeveloping the property for senior living.

iii. 1508 Washington Avenue SE – Private Property

- Mr. Smith stated the property has been declared a contributing structure to the potential Huston Park Historic District. The survey was complete in 1995 and the structure was determined to be in poor integrity at the time.
- Dave O’Clair, Affordable Housing Network Inc (AHNI), stated AHNI owns the adjacent property and this property would be demolished for use of a garage and larger yard for the adjacent property. The property is vacant and has been vandalized.
- It was pointed out the neighborhood is still intact with no missing structures.
- Tim Oberbroeckling made a motion to place the demolition of 1508 Washington Avenue SE on a 60-day review period. Barbara Westercamp seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Bob Grafton and Mark Stoffer Hunter volunteered to serve as HPC liaisons.

iv. 624 14th Street SE – Private Property

- Mr. Smith stated the property has been declared a contributing structure to the potential Huston Park Historic District.
- Mr. O’Clair stated AHNI would like to demolish the property to add an addition to the adjacent property. A separate portion of the property would be used as a yard for another adjacent property.
- Discussion included the possibility of relocating the house. It was pointed out the property is in good condition.
- Todd McNall made a motion to place the demolition of 624 14th Street SE on a 60-day review period. Tim Oberbroeckling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Bob Grafton and Mark Stoffer Hunter volunteered to serve as HPC liaisons.

3. New Business

a. Selection of two buildings for historic structure reports

- Mr. Smith stated two properties on the previous historic structures report list need to be replaced as one property owner is not willing to participate and the other property will be demolished. Mr. Smith asked the commission to brainstorm different buildings and the topic will be discussed further at the next regular meeting. The property has to be flood impacted and privately owned.

b. Review of City property acquisitions 50 years old or older

- Mr. Smith stated the list provided is informational regarding the properties in the City’s buy-out program and will be discussed further at the next regular meeting.

Todd McNall left the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

4. Old Business

a. Notice of Partial Demolition – 3611 1st Avenue SE (PREVIEWED 10-10-13)

- i.** Mr. Smith stated partial demolitions only require a building permit and the HPC doesn’t review them. The HPC was notified of the potential demolition as a courtesy.

b. COA Applications UNDER REVIEW

i. 1527 2nd Avenue SE – DEMOLITION WITHIN LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT

- Mr. Grafton stated a market analysis is currently underway but there has been difficulty is finding comparable properties.

c. Demolition Applications UNDER REVIEW

i. 1310 3rd Street SE – Private Property – December 23, 2013

- Mr. Smith stated interest has been expressed in purchasing the property but there has been no success in contacting the property owner.

5. Adjournment

- Barbara Westercamp made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m. Tim Oberbroeckling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alicia Abernathey, Administrative Assistant II
Community Development