

MINUTES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING,
Thursday, July 24, 2014 @ 4:30 p.m.

Collins Conference Room, City Hall, 101 First Street SE

Members Present: Amanda McKnight-Grafton Chair
Todd McNall Vice-Chair
Sam Bergus
Pat Cargin
Bob Grafton
Caitlin Hartman
Ron Mussman
Tim Oberbroeckling
Mark Stoffer Hunter

Members Absent: Barbara Westercamp

City Staff: Jeff Hintz, Planner
Anne Russett, Planner
Thomas Smith, Planner
Kevin Ciabatti, Building Services Director
Jennifer Pratt, Interim Community Development Director

Guests: Cindy Hadish, Teresa Davis, Charles Jones

Call Meeting to Order

- Amanda McKnight Grafton called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.
- Nine (9) Commissioners were present and one (1) was absent.

1. Approve Meeting Minutes

- Ron Mussman made a motion to approve the minutes from July 10, 2014. Tim Oberbroeckling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Action Items

a) DEMOLITION Applications

i. 2123 Mount Vernon Road SE – Private Property – Previewed October 10, 2013

ii. 2135 Mount Vernon Road SE – Private Property – Previewed October 10, 2013

- Mr. Smith presented background information on the properties informing the commission that this request would make way for a power substation in the future. Some general discussion about the history of the area and historical development patterns was held.

- Todd McNall made a motion to approve demolition of the structures. Sam Bergus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

iii. 716 4th Avenue SE (2 Story Single Family House) – Private Property

- Mr. Smith presented background information and photos of the property. The house is no longer conforming to current zoning and in addition, had fallen into severe disrepair. Several features of the home have become dilapidated and cannot be reasonably repaired. General discussion of the area and the history of the property took place.
- Tim Oberbroeckling made a motion to approve demolition of the accessory structure (being a non-conforming single-family house). Todd McNall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Old Business

a) Flash flood property damage list

- Kevin Ciabatti went over several maps and photos with the commission members to orient them with the damages observed. General questions about how the damage occurred and what types of damages were sustained ensued. Most of the unsafe properties sustained foundation collapse and likely flooding and mechanical issues. The major damaged properties in several cases had mechanical, electrical and other non-structural issues occur

b) Summit reception planning committee

- Caitlin Hartman, Bob Grafton, Amanda McKnight-Grafton and Ron Mussman volunteered to be on the reception planning committee for the upcoming summit. General discussion about registration and preplanning for the summit occurred.

c) Summit award nominations

- Mr. Smith highlighted some of the award nominations that had been submitted already and noted the cutoff for submissions would be the following day. At this point, there have been nominations received for every award category.

Non Agenda Item Discussion:

- Mr. Smith announced this would be his last HPC meeting as he had accepted a position with the City of Menlo Park, California. He thanked the Commission for their hard work and dedication as volunteers in preservation and for making his time in Cedar Rapids both enjoyable and memorable.

4. Adjournment

- Tim Oberbroeckling made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m. Pat Cargin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Hintz, Planner
Community Development