

MINUTES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING,
Thursday, September 18, 2014 @ 4:30 p.m.

Training Room, City Hall, 101 First Street SE

Members Present: Amanda McKnight-Grafton Chair
Pat Cargin
Bob Grafton
Caitlin Hartman
Ron Mussman
Tim Oberbroeckling
Mark Stoffer Hunter
Barbara Westercamp

Members Absent: Todd McNall
Sam Bergus
B.J. Hobart

City Staff: Jeff Hintz, Planner
Anne Russett, Planner
Jennifer Pratt, Interim Community Development Director
Alicia Abernathy, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Julie Husband, Noré Winter, Robin Kash,

Call Meeting to Order

- Amanda McKnight Grafton called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.
- Eight (8) Commissioners were present with three (3) absent.

1. Approve Meeting Minutes

- Barbara Westercamp made a motion to approve the minutes from August 28, 2014. Tim Oberbroeckling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Action Items

a. DEMOLITION Applications

i. 1257 3rd Avenue SE – Private Property

- Jeff Hintz stated the property is adjacent to a local historic district and a survey indicates the house is eligible for the National Register as a historical event took place at the property. However, with discussions with Mark Stoffer Hunter there may have been a mistake in the report as no historical event came to mind. The property owners have made efforts for restoration and to complete salvage.

- Jan Kosowski stated the property is owned by Westminster Presbyterian Church and so is the property next door. The property next door had a lot of money put into it for restoration and is now used for a clothes and food pantry. Affordable Housing Network Incorporation (AHNI) looked at 1257 3rd Avenue SE and estimated rehabilitation to be around \$70,000. The property has been empty for two years and will be used as greenspace if demolition is approved.
- Discussion included not having adequate to research the property for historic significance and ReStore will be completing salvage on the property. Discussion also included interest in finding someone to relocate the structure.
- Ms. Kosowski indicated relocation is acceptable but the structure cannot sit on the current lot for an extended period of time.

Pat Cargin arrived at 4:49 p.m.

- Ms. Kosowski stated the Westminster Presbyterian Church board will be reviewing the property at their board meeting in October. The commission informed Ms. Kosowski work will be done to seek out investors for relocation and there is possibility to release the property from a 60 day review period early.
- Mark Stoffer Hunter made a motion to place the demolition of 1257 3rd Avenue SE on a 60 day review period. Bob Grafton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Old Business

a) Historic Preservation Plan Update

- Noré Winter provided a presentation on design review that included a scenario, a definition of preservation, key features, contributing vs. non-contributing, steps to follow when reviewing, etc.

Mark Stoffer Hunter left the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

- Mr. Winter provided a presentation on design issues that included substitute materials, covering materials, reasons for using alternative materials, key sustainability concepts, storm windows, replacement windows, etc.

4. Adjournment

- Barbara Westercamp made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Tim Oberbroeckling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alicia Abernathey, Administrative Assistant II
Community Development