

MINUTES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING,
Thursday, May 12, 2016 @ 4:30 p.m.
Training Room, City Hall, 101 First Street SE

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

Members Absent: Todd McNall
Sam Bergus
BJ Hobart

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

Call Meeting to Order

- Amanda McKnight Grafton called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.
- Eight (8) Commissioners were present with three (3) absent.

1. Public Comment

- There was no public comment.

2. Approve Meeting Minutes

- Mark Stoffer Hunter stated that under number five (5) the wording for time period should be changed to what that time period is. Anne Russett stated that the time period is one (1) year.
- Tim Oberbroeckling made a motion to approve the minutes from April 28, 2016 with the addition of one (1) year. Ron Mussman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Action Items

a) Certificate of Appropriateness

i. 1628 2nd Avenue SE – installation of vinyl siding on detached garage

- Jeff Hintz stated that this project is for the installation of vinyl siding on the detached garage structure. Mr. Hintz shared pictures of the structure as well as the district guidelines for accessory buildings. Staff recommends approval as submitted because it is

consistent with the guidelines, it is not visible from the street right-of-way, the structure is not listed as a defining feature to the property and thus the historic district, the structure features two pressboard wall sides, and no architectural features present on the structure.

- The Commission discussed maintenance of the garage, such as painting and repairs, instead of replacing with vinyl and also possibly denying the application and instead giving the applicant some suggestions for repair. Amanda McKnight Grafton stated that the applicant could reapply with alternative material for replacement if they choose to. Jeff Hintz stated that the applicant has painted the garage several times and wanted the vinyl siding for less maintenance. There is also vinyl siding on the house.
- The Commission discussed approving the application versus denying the application and how the Commission would need a clear explanation for either action.

Barb Westercamp arrived at the meeting at 4:59 p.m.

- The Commission asked for a view of where the garage is on the block. Jeff Hintz shared a map of the block where the house and garage sits.
- Tim Oberbroeckling made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 1628 2nd Avenue SE as long as the vinyl on the garage is compatible with the vinyl on the house and because the garage is located mid-block, has a privacy fence surrounding it, the garage is not a historically significant structure, and the house already has vinyl siding. Barb Westercamp seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-1 with Pat Cargin opposing.

4. Announcements

- Ron Mussman asked that the Programmatic Agreement with the Army Corps from 2010 be added to the next agenda for discussion.
- The Commission discussed ways of using the remaining Showcase funding including bus tours, scholarships for the fall Kirkwood classes, and additional educational opportunities for Commission members. Staff will check to see if the Showcase funding can be used after May.
- The Commission discussed the moving of the White Elephant Building. Tim Oberbroeckling stated that since three homes have been moved in the last three years (the White Elephant Building, the Frankie House, and the Brewer House), it would be a good idea to get together with SaveCR Heritage to celebrate.
- Pat Cargin wanted to let the Commission know that one of the homes behind the former Krebs Greenhouses has water damage and the neighbors are concerned that the house will not be able to survive and that there may be a request for it to be torn down. Ron Mussman asked if that house has been surveyed. Jeff Hintz stated that the survey did not go out that far. Amanda McKnight stated that there are grants that can be applied for to survey other areas. Anne Russett stated that the most recent deadline has past, but there will be grants to apply for in the fall. Jeff Hintz stated that there is an initiative in the Historic Preservation Plan to prioritize which areas the Commission would like to be surveyed and that will be a project for the summer.
- Jeff Hintz stated that he spoke with a realtor from Iowa Realty and he was able to introduce her to the historic database map viewer. The realtor thought it would be very useful to others in her office. Amanda McKnight Grafton suggested setting up a meeting with the Cedar Rapids Board of Realtors to show them how the database map program works.

- Ron Mussman stated that the new website was working incorrectly and he was unable to pull up past minutes. Jeff Hintz shared with the Commission how to find the minutes on the new website and stated that the minutes only go back to 2013 on the website, but if you would like to see older minutes we have those on file, and if requested, Anne Kroll can send those out.

5. Adjournment

- Barb Westercamp made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 p.m. Tim Oberbroeckling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Kroll, Administrative Assistant II
Community Development

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COA: 1628 2nd Avenue SE

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Project Description

- Installation of vinyl siding on the detached garage structure

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Garage from Alleyway



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Close up of Garage



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District Guidelines – Accessory Buildings

<p>Recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood siding • Double wide door (if accessed from an alley) • Rear yard location 	<p>Not Recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metal siding • Sheet siding • Paneled siding • Disproportionate roof pitch • Disproportionate building mass
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Walls and Exteriors: (Page 26)
 “Synthetic siding is allowed in the rear of homes *and on accessory buildings*, although the paneling patterns must be maintained.”

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Recommendation

Staff recommends approval as submitted

- Consistent with guidelines
- Not visible from street right-of-way
- Structure is not listed as defining feature to the property and thus, the historic district
 - Other accessory structures in district are defining (1744 2nd Avenue)
- Structure features two pressboard wall sides
- No architectural features present on the structure

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Alternative Actions

1. Approve with modifications agreeable to the applicant; or
2. Deny the application; or
3. Defer to future meeting.