

WATERLOO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 19, 2022– 4:30 P.M.
The meeting was held in the Mollenhoff Conference Room at City Hall

Ottesen called the regular meeting of the City of Waterloo Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Commission Members present were: Ed Ottesen, Terry Stevens, Nick Hedrick, Susan Price, Matthew Gilbert, Hector Salamanca Arroyo, and Ivan Valtchev.

Commission Member(s) absent were: None.

Others present were:, John Dornoff and Lexi Blank – Planning Staff; Ed Gallagher – Grout Museum Liaison; Jonathan Grieder – City Council Liaison and Brock Weliver – Applicant.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Price, seconded by Hedrick to approve the agenda of April 19, 2022, regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Hedrick, seconded by Price to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Introductions

The Historic Preservation Commission welcomed Hector Salamanca Arroyo and Ivan Valtchev to the commission. Dornoff noted that the city does have a gender balance policy however staff made all attempts to fill the positions with gender balance and was unable to.

Oral Presentations

No Oral Presentations

Hearings

- 1. Request by Brock Weliver for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace 50 windows and paint the home.**

Dornoff went over the report.

Weliver stated that the windows would look identical to the current windows and noted they do need to replace 50 windows which is very expensive. Also stated that they are looking to paint the house back to what they believe is the original colors for the house.

Motion made by Valtchev, seconded by Gilbert to recommend approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Request by Sarah Cherveney for a Certificate of Appropriateness to allow a new chain link fence in the backyard, installing new walkways, and painting of the house at 127 Alta Vista Avenue.

Dornoff read the staff report. Dornoff noted that the applicant is no longer requesting the approval of a decorative front walkway and the applicant will not be changing the paint color.

Hedrick noted that the applicant stated that the applicant was looking to landscape in front of the fence.

Gilbert asked if the applicant would change the fence could be changed to wood that would face the street.

Motion made by Hedrick, seconded by Price to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the painting of the home and to install a new pathway. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Hedrick, seconded by Price to table the request for a fence to find out if the applicant could use wood. Motion carried unanimously.

Building Consultation

None

Reports

1. Main Street

Ottesen stated the Design Review Committee had several reviews however all but two of them were tabled for more information.

Tour D’Loo will be this Thursday.

Main Street is still looking for volunteers to water the flowers which take about 3 hours.

2. Silos and Smokestacks.

No Report

3. Grout Museum

Gallagher noted that the Grout is looking forward to hosting the banquet on May 12th. He also encourages everyone to enjoy the new Planetarium.

4. Building Update

Ottesen noted that all the windows at the Rath Building have been broken out and the building is 100% open to the elements.

5. Project Update

Discussion about what staff should do about the Civil Rights Grant Project.

6. Highland

Hedrick stated that the Easter egg hunt went off well.

7. Walnut

Valtchev reported that Easter Sunday Breakfast at Harvest Vineyard Church and a Easter Egg Hunt at First Presbyterian Church went off well. Valtchev also reported that Willie Mae Wright turned 90 on April 2nd. Neighborhood Association Meetings restarted on April 7th.

Discussion Items/Possible Action Items

1. HPC Awards Banquet 2022

Discussion of the awards banquet. Hedrick reported his company will be providing the catering for the event. Gallagher sent Pat Morrissey a message to ask if he would present at the banquet. Suggestion to change the name from Banquet.

2. School Project

Discussion on whether to keep the School Art Project awards should be done separately or at the banquet in order to give more time for the students to create their projects. It was noted that the name should be changed to Student Art Project for those not attending a regular school.

Other Discussion:

Dornoff suggested canceling the May 17th meeting since it will be just a few days after the banquet unless they receive an application for a hearing.

Motion made by Stevens, seconded by Hedrick to cancel the May 17th meeting unless staff receives applications for hearings. Motion carried unanimously.

Dornoff noted that Blank will be the staff person assigned to the Historic Preservation Commission effective for the June meeting but Dornoff will be helping out and continuing to work on the maps.

Adjournment

Ottesen adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Dornoff
Planner II