

**WATERLOO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 20, 2010– 5:00 P.M.  
1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL**

Quirk called the regular meeting of the City of Waterloo Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Commission Members in attendance were: Andera (5:17), Berry, Morgan, Olsson, Ottesen, Potter and Quirk.

Commission Member(s) absent were: Brockway.

Others Present: Poll (5:06) Staff to the Commission.

**Approval of Minutes**

***Motion made by Potter, seconded by Quirk to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2010 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Approval of Agenda**

Quirk noted that we should bump the public hearings section ahead of the reports on the agenda.

***Motion made by Quirk, seconded by Olsson to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.***

Poll arrived at 5:06

**Public Hearings**

1. Request by Robert Hilton and Catherine DeSoto of 205 Prospect for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace their deteriorating brick/sandstone front porch with a visually similar concrete replacement with brick stenciling.

Poll gave staff report noting photos submitted by the applicants showing the need for repair of the porch.

Robert Hilton, 205 Prospect noted that the columns may need to be replaced as well if they are rotten and if that is the case would be replaced with identical wood columns. Hilton noted that the concrete stenciling that replaces the brick would be identical to the brick that is currently in existence is design and color. Ottesen noted the damaged limestone and wondered if that would have to be replaced. Hilton noted that they would make an attempt to save it, but if it could not be save concrete would be used to replace it as limestone was tough to find and expensive. Berry noted that limestone may be available through several sources he was aware of, but did note that it could be cost prohibitive. Potter noted that Craig Ritland Landscaping may be able to replace the limestone as well.

**Motion made by Quirk, seconded by Morgan to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace their deteriorating brick/sandstone front porch with a visually similar concrete replacement with brick stenciling. Motion carried unanimously.**

Andera arrived at 5:17

2. Request by Daniel Ankrum of 215 Prospect for a Certificate of Appropriateness to add a 5' tall black chain link fence in the rear of the property.

Poll gave staff report noting photos of the property, and the site plan of the applicant. Poll noted that the existing fence in the rear is not original to the property and is not properly anchored.

Daniel Ankrum, 215 Prospect noted that the purpose of the fence was for his dogs, and that he chose to use the black vinyl coated chain link fence to lessen the visual impact on the area. Ankrum noted that currently part of the fence in the rear is simple chicken wire and that the addition of this fence would benefit his property. Ankrum noted that most of the fence would be visually screened from the street view from several plants and shrubs that grow on the property.

***Motion made by Potter, seconded by Quirk to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness to add a 5' tall black chain link fence in the rear of the property. Motion carried unanimously.***

### **Reports**

#### **1. Main Street**

Ottesen gave the Main Street report, noting that the first Fridayloo's started in May. Ottesen also noted that volunteer training for Main Street would take place on May 11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **2. Silos and Smokestacks**

No report this month.

#### **3. Grout Museum**

No report this month.

#### **4. Rath Administration Building Project Update**

Andera noted that no further progress had been mad on the Rath Administration building.

#### **5. Old House Tour**

Olsson gave the old house tour report noting that more locations were needed. Potter noted that Sacred Heart, and Hellman and Associates may be good sites to consider. Olsson noted that she was also going to ask Bob Heaton to tour the Depot Building.

### **Discussion Items/Possible Action Items**

#### **1. Washington Park Local Historic Landmark**

Ottesen noted that Lincoln Park falls into the boundaries of Main Street, but Washington Park does not, noting that if main street does choose to support the historic nominations, they would only be able to support that of Lincoln Park.

Quirk asked if she could make a motion to officially start the process for the nomination of both Washington and Lincoln Parks to designate them as local landmarks. Poll noted that could be done.

***Motion made by Quirk, seconded by Potter to start the process of nominating both Washington and Lincoln Parks as locally designated landmarks. Motion carried 6-0 with Andera abstaining.***

Olsen noted that Billie Bailey of the Grout Museum was neutral about the use of Washington Park, although Bailey had noted that she would like more handicap parking available.

Potter noted that Vanderwall and Assoc. surveyed Washington Park and thought that any MLK tribute should be located in a higher traffic along the river. Potter noted that the committee appeared to be leaning toward the river location.

Andera noted that there should be a researched historic justification for a property to be locally designated. Potter noted that she had talked to members of the City government at this point the MLK tribute would not pass at Lincoln Park. Potter noted that she would start researching the history of both parks. Quirk noted that she would talk to Sue Pearson at the library as well.

## **2. Annual Awards Ceremony**

Poll noted that the deadline for nominations from the public had passed on April 15 and that none had been submitted. Potter noted that she would like to nominate the Roux Orleans Restaurant at 501 Sycamore. Quirk nominated the Depot building at 333 W 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Potter the nominated Sacred Heart Church at 624 W 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

***Motion made by Quirk, seconded by Olsson to award the nominated properties an award for excellence in historic preservation. Motion carried unanimously.***

Poll collected contact information for the properties. Ottesen noted that Structure Architects had helped with the Depot building and he may be able to provide some photos. Poll noted that he would talk to the winners and collect information as well as take additional photos. Poll also noted that he would also prepare the certificates and programs for the event. Potter noted that everything else was prepared and that she would take care of the invitations and asked Poll for the names and addresses of past award winners. Poll noted that he would provide that information on the following day.

## **3. Historical Preservation Ordinance and Guidelines Revision**

Berry noted that due to the time spent on other items revision of the Guidelines and Ordinance would have to wait for the following meeting.

**Adjournment**

***Motion made by Olsson, seconded by Quirk to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.***

Meeting was adjourned at 5:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Poll,  
Associate Planner