

**WATERLOO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – MAY 21, 2013– 5:00 P.M.
POLICE LIBRARY, CITY HALL**

Toepfer called the regular meeting of the City of Waterloo Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 5:01p.m.

Commission Members in attendance were: Andera, Cass, Potter (5:03 p.m.), Price, Toepfer, and Valtchev.

Commission Member(s) absent were: Linda and Quirk

Others Present: Ed Ottesen, Ex. Officio.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Toepfer, seconded by Valtchev to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Price, seconded by Valtchev to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2013, subject to changing grammatical errors and noting that Olsson did not call the meeting to order as she is no longer on the Commission, rather, Toepfer called the meeting to order. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearings

1. Request for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 237 Prospect Avenue to allow for the construction of 30' of 6' tall white vinyl fencing along the north property line in the rear of the property.

Andera gave the staff report noting that the applicant is requesting to construct 30' of 6' tall vinyl fencing along the north property line, which is located in the rear yard. Andera noted that the house is rated as a "C" structure for architectural significance, along with being rated as an "A" structure for historical significance. Andera noted that the house is located in the 200 block of Prospect Avenue between Arizona Street and Highland Boulevard. Andera noted that the applicant indicated that the fence would be located between the garage and the east property line. Andera noted that in the recently adopted City of Waterloo Historical Preservation Guidelines, it notes that for fences, they should be similar to historic fence styles, such as wood picket fences, wrought iron fences or metal fences. Andera noted that though the fence is not constructed out of these materials, staff feels that since it is located in the rear yard behind the house and out of sign from the street, it would not appear to have a negative impact upon the neighborhood.

Potter noted that there is a picture of the materials that will be used in the packet that was mailed to Commissioners, however, the pictures do not give a sense of what the fence and materials would look like. Potter also questioned if there were other types of fencing material that would be an option as opposed to the vinyl fence.

Ottesen, Ex-Officio, noted that the Commission should get a sense of what the fence will look like before it is approved.

Motion made by Toepfer, seconded by Price to table the request until the applicant can present what the materials will look like for the proposed fence. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Request for concurrence from the Historic Preservation Commission that the proposed marquee signage and projection signage is appropriate for the building located at 618 Sycamore Street, located in the East Side Downtown Historic District.

Andera noted that Nagle Signs is requesting comment and concurrence from the Historic Preservation Commission that the proposed marquee and projection signs at 618 Sycamore Street would be appropriate for the building. Ottesen noted that the downtown already has the Main Street Review Board, and the Historic Preservation Commission should be cautious in making a motion over the signs, as the Commission has no jurisdiction in this district.

Valtchev noted that the Main Street Review Board has already and approved the request for the new signage.

Commission members discussed and felt the signs were keeping with the character of the building, however, no motion was ever made.

Reports

1. Main Street

No report this month.

2. Silos and Smokestacks

No report this month.

3. Grout Museum

Cass noted that he was on the Grout Museum Board. Cass noted that the Grout is working on getting a petition of support for trying to obtain a portion of local sales tax money. Cass noted that it is the goal to get the item placed on the November ballot this year. Cass noted that he would look to provide additional information next month.

4. Rath Administration Update

Andera noted that he had had conversation with the developer, and he noted that within the next week or so, they would be taking out a fence permit to secure the site and hope to begin working on the roof shortly after that.

5. Dunsmore House

No report this month.

Discussion Items/Possible Action Items

1. Historic Preservation Awards

Commission members made a final decision to nominate the following properties for historic preservation awards:

145 Prospect Avenue, Joshua and Shalee Boyles.
324 Mulberry Street, Queen of Peace Catholic Church.
209 West 5th Street, Sherman and Associates, Russell Lamson Building.

It was also suggested that Gale Quirk be recognized for her work and devotion to historic preservation.

Potter noted that the Historic Preservation Awards would be held on May 30, 2013 at the Bridges Retirement Center.

2. 214 Highland Boulevard, Stacey Van Arsdale

Mr. Van Arsdale noted that due to the recent hail storm, the roof of his home sustained hail damage. Van Arsdale noted that he would like to install a decorative lifetime shingle, and questioned the Commission if this would be appropriate. Ottesen noted that decorative shingles have more of an appearance of shake shingles, and felt this could be an appropriate alternative. Van Arsdale also noted that he would like to replace the gutters on the house with a seamless gutter and that a contractor would be coming out to inspect the house to see how they could get the gutters to match what is already there the best. Van Arsdale noted that the soffits on the house are beginning to rot. Ottesen suggested that if they are replaced rather than repaired, to go with a Hardy Board instead of a vinyl alternative.

Adjournment

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tim Andera,
Associate Planner