

**City of Evansville Historic Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
City Hall (Third Floor), 31 South Madison Street**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order. Stephans called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

2. Roll Call:

Members	Present/Absent	Others Present
Chair Dan Stephans	P	Colette Spranger, Community Development Director
Vice-chair Gene Lewis	P	Scott Brummond, Applicant
Aimee Stano	P	Adam Sacker, Applicant
Katie Sacker	P	Jennifer Storm, Applicant
Norman Barker	P	
Cheryl Doerfer	P	
Steve Christens	P	

3. Motion to approve the agenda by Christens, second by Doerfer. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the March 15, 2023 meeting and approve them as printed Motion by Christens, seconded by Doerfer, motion carried unanimously.

5. Civility Reminder. Stephans noted the City’s commitment to civil discourse.

6. Citizen appearances and Public Presentations.

7. Applications – Action Items:

A. 226 W Liberty – Install New Chain Link Fence in Backyard (HPC-2023-0111)

Applicant Jennifer Storm present. The applicant explained that the fence would be a 4ft tall chain link fence. Stephans and Spranger expressed that there are other similar fences in the neighborhood. Doerfer expressed concern that the placement of the fence would be very close to the neighboring garage and worried it may inhibit their ability to maintain the garage. Stephans recommended placing the fence 2 ft from the lot line to allow maintenance to be done to both the garage and the fence. Doerfer also expressed she would prefer black chain link over galvanized.

Motion to approve the application as submitted by Lewis, seconded by Stano. Motion carried unanimously.

B. 104 W Main – Install Utility Shed in Backyard (HPC-2023-0112)

Applicant Scott Brummond present. The applicant stated he plans to paint the shed to match the building. Stephans stated his preference toward shiplap type siding on the shed.

Motion to approve the application with condition that the shed be painted to compliment the main building, by Christens, second by Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.

C. 131 Garfield – Replace Concrete Steps with Wooden, Add Railings (HPC-2023-0113)

Applicants not present. Commissioners discussed the application and photos which appeared to show the porch may have been wider at some point. **Motion to approve the application as printed without conditions but with a recommendation that the owner considers building the stairs according to the original width of the stairs to fill a void in the siding to the left of the landing, by Doerfer, second by Sacker. Motion carried unanimously.**

D. 25 N Second – Install Solar Panels on Non-Original Attached Garage (HPC-2023-0114)

Applicants Katie and Adam Sacker present. Stephans and the applicants expressed that the panels will not be visible from the street the panels will be placed down from the front and in from the sides to ensure there is no visibility from the street. **Motion to approve the application as printed, by Christens, second by Barker. Motion carried 6-0 with Sacker abstaining.**

8. Discussion Items

A. Vinyl Fencing in the Historic District – commissioners discussed the need for photos demonstrating acceptable fencing within the Historic District

9. Report of the Community Development Director**A. Staff-Approved Certificates of Appropriateness**

- i. 133 Grove St – Replace existing cedar fence with same materials (HPC-2023-0095)
- ii. 3 W Liberty St – Replace asphalt shingles with same, replace gutters with same, replace rotten wood siding with same (HPC-2023-110)

B. St Paul’s Catholic Church – installed new sign without approval

10. Correspondence, Comments and Concerns

11. Next Meeting Date: May 17, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

12. Motion to Adjourn by Christens, second by Sacker. Motion carried unanimously.