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**City of Evansville Historic Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting / Virtual
Wednesday September 23, 2020 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	Community Development Dir. Jason Sergeant
Vice-chair Steve Culbertson	A	Mary Koehl , Applicant
Gene Lewis	P	Edward “Wally” Vroman , Applicant
		Jason Sergeant, Applicant
VACANT	A	
Matt Koser	P	
Cheryl Doerfer	P	
Steve Christens	P	

3. Motion to approve the agenda with correction to Agenda Item #4 to read “...minutes from the August 19, 2020 meeting...”by Christens, seconded by Lewis. *Approved unanimously.*

4. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the (July 15, 2020-correction) August 19, 2020 meeting and approve them as printed by Christens, seconded by Koser. *Approved unanimously.*

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

6. Citizen appearances. Citizen Arlen Larson as an observer.

7. Applications- Action Items:

1. 252 W Liberty – Fence (Application HPC-2020-38).

Applicant Mary Koehl is proposing to replace the modern chain link fence with a wooden 5’ to 6’ high fence with “dog ear trim” that would match existing wood fence on the property. Application presented included pictures and site plan of the property. **Motion to accept the application finding the proposal meets the criteria outlined in the decision form by Koser, seconded by Christens.** *Approved unanimously.*

2. 131 Garfield – Replace Aluminum Siding w/ Vinyl Siding (Application HPC-2020-39). Applicant Wally Vroman present. He has lived at the property for 26 years. Vroman explained that the house is covered in Aluminum and Vinyl siding, Vinyl siding on the detached garage and shed, all house and buildings do

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not match. Vroman is proposing to replace all siding, aluminum and vinyl on the house, garage, and shed with Vinyl. The application packet had pictures of the property and the siding selected. Commission discussed the depth of the siding, which currently is at 8” to installing a 4” shiplap siding. Vroman agreed. Also, commission is recommending a “smooth” finish vinyl vs. embossed. Vroman agreed to check with vinyl company if a smooth finish is available. **Motion to accept the application finding the proposal meets the criteria outlined in the decision form with the recommendation of using a smooth finish vinyl if available by Christens, seconded by Lewis. Approved unanimously.**

3. **124 Highland – Exterior Repairs, Alterations, and Fence (Application HPC-2020-41).** Applicant Jason Sergeant explained the house has areas of water damage to siding and windows. Sergeant proposes to remove and install matching siding & trim to damaged areas. Removed a non-original window on west façade, replace basement windows, repair porches, replace rear window, and install picket fence in rear yard. Sergeant reported the house has a plaque house and no in the Historic District. By choice, he is bringing the project before the board and will follow the State Historic Rules. Sergeant is applying for State Credits. **Motion to accept the application finding the proposal meets the criteria outlined in the decision form by Koser, seconded by Christens. Approved unanimously.**

8. New Business: Discussion Items:

(Commission Member S Culbertson joined group)

A. 245 W Church - Discuss Demolition Regulations and direct staff (HPC-2020-33).

The commission discussed the issues with demolition of an accessory structure. Reference was made to the City Ordinance Chapter 62 Historic Preservation. Sergeant explained that he reached out to the applicant with an email requesting further information and a mitigating factor. Applicant S Maloney responded with email (attached in agenda packet) stating “no planned mitigation at this time”. Commission discussed and agreed for Sergeant to reach out to client, proposing an action by next month, the client provides more information of either mitigating factor, stabilization of the carriage house, or to withdraw application.

9. Old Business

A. 2020 Park and Outdoor Recreation Park Plan Improvement Illustrations. Sergeant reviewed the attached illustrations outlining the importance of lighting and signage for “Sense of Entry”, improved comprehensive pedestrian walkway into the park, and grass covered parking areas, creating a strong sense of entry to welcome visitors.

10. Report of the Community Development Director.

A. Staff Issued Certificate of Appropriateness: 21 S Madison – Roof (HPC -2020-37) and 21 Garfield – Roof (HPC-2020-40)

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B. Discuss 2021 Budget. Sergeant noted that the 2021 Budget of \$1500 would be increased to \$2000.00 to reflect increase communications and programming for historic education and signage. In the 5-10 Year Vision Budget, the item noted: Purchase and /or Annual Costs: \$20,000-\$30,000 for Inventory and document historic carriage houses, park buildings. Create strategic preservation plans to preserve historic assets for the next several generations.

Commission discussed the continued efforts of placement of Historic District signs on the street signs within the historic district.

11. Correspondence, Comments and Concerns. None

12. Next Meeting Date: October 21, 2020 at 6 p.m., *Virtual Meeting*

13. Motion to Adjourn by Culbertson, seconded by Christens. Approved unanimously.