

Rockford Historic Preservation Commission

May 8, 2012 – 6:00PM – City Hall Conference Room B

Present: Vicki Krueger, Janna Bailey, Scott Sanders, David Hagney, Alderman Doug Mark (arrived at 6:07 PM)

Absent: Mark McGinnis

Staff: Todd Cagnoni, Deputy Director of Community and Economic Development

Other: Interested Parties

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM

Public Hearing - Application for National Register of Historic Places

Chairman Hagney opened the Public Hearing open at 6:02 for 4646 Spring Brook Road - Laurent, Kenneth and Phyllis, House

John Cook made opening statements of the Foundations efforts to protect the Laurent Home. Pam Hein presented the application for nomination for National Register of Historic Places as represented in the application, (power point presentation on file)

With no other public comments the Hearing closed at 6:10 PM.

Chairman Hagney opened the Public Hearing at 6:11 PM for 1011 Auburn Street – Greenwood Cemetery Chapel and Crematory

Pam Hein presented the application for nomination for National Register of Historic Places as represented in the application, (power point presentation on file). Mary Ann Smith addressed the committee as a Trustee of the Cemetery stating the goal of the Trustees is to return the cemetery to the community through this nomination.

With no other public comments the Hearing closed at 6:22 PM.

Approval of Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Scott Sanders to **APPROVE** the minutes of the February 15, 2012 meeting as presented. The Motion was **SECONDED** by Jana Bailey and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5-0.

New Business

Application for National Register of Historic Places

4646 Spring Brook Road - Laurent, Kenneth and Phyllis, House

During discussion Pam Hein clarified there had been some modification to the application and the the period of significance was from 1951-1960.

Todd Cagnoni stated that the property is not located in the City of Rockford but currently in the annexation process.

A **MOTION** was made by Doug Mark to recommend that 4646 Spring Brook Road - Laurent, Kenneth and Phyllis, House be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. That the home is a fine example of Frank Lloyd Wright's Usonian architecture and the hemicycle form with significance to the community. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Scott Sanders and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5-0.

1011 Auburn Street – Greenwood Cemetery Chapel and Crematory

A **MOTION** was made by Scott Sanders to recommend that 1011 Auburn Street – Greenwood Cemetery Chapel and Crematory be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Cemetery Chapel and Crematory is located in the oldest cemetery in Rockford and that the original chapel was constructed in 1891 to serve as an alternative for graveside services during inclement weather. It was designed by Chicago architect Henry Lord Gay and as asset to the community worthy of preserving. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Janna Bailey and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5-0.

Certificate of Appropriateness

1109 North Prospect

The applicant, Julia Valdez, was present and spoke on the proposed certificate of appropriateness. Her home is 88 years old and within the Knightsville neighborhood. Scott Sanders asked about the design of the front porch roof overhang. Julia confirmed the request was A frame and will match the dormers. Scott asked about the concrete walls. Julia stated they would be removed, in part because of future accessibility. Vicki stated they were likely not constructed as part of the original construction. Scott asked about the supports for the porch roof and was concerned about the design. Doug Mark agreed on the concern of the porch roof supports.

The Commission request more detail on the porch roof overhang and stoop.

A **MOTION** was made by Scott Sanders to **Approve** the proposed work at 1109 N Prospect as described in the Certificate Application for the replacement of sunroom including the roof and windows but excluding the porch roof overhang and stoop. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Doug Mark and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5-0.

627 Garfield

The applicant, Les Erickson, presented the request to install a black vinyl fence in the side and rear yard of the property.

Scott Sanders voiced concern regarding the visibility of the black vinyl chain link fence from the street and requested that the applicant consider a black aluminum fence replicating a wrought iron fence. The applicant felt they could accomplish the proposal about but were concerned about their small dog being able to get through the fence.

A **MOTION** was made by Scott Sanders to **APPROVE** the proposed construction of a black chain link fence in the side and rear yard excluding that portion between the garage and the house and the 20 feet closest to the street on the West side of the property which shall be constructed on a black aluminum fence designed to appear as a wrought iron fence at 627 Garfield. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Doug Mark and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5-0.

Staff report.

Todd Cagnoni provided an update on the property located at 816 Brown Hills Court and its current state of disrepair.

A **MOTION** was made by Doug Mark directing staff to take the appropriate steps in accordance with City ordinance to enforce the outstanding property standards and building maintenance concerns at 816 Brown Hills Court. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Janna Bailey and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5-0.

With no other business a **MOTION** was made by Doug Mark to adjourn. The **MOTION** was seconded by Scott Sanders and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 P.M..
Submitted by Todd Cagnoni, AICP