

Rockford Historic Preservation Commission

January 14, 2014 – 6:00PM – City Hall Conference Room B

Present: Janna Bailey, Gary Carlson, Scott Sanders, Dave Coady, Vickie Kruger

Absent: Alderman Jamie Getchius, Becky Lichty

Staff: Thaddeus Mack, Planner & Building Plans Examiner

Other: Interested Parties

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Janna Bailey, Chairman

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Alderman Jamie Getchius and Becky Lichty were not present at the meeting. Vickie Kruger arrived at 6:37pm

Public Hearing

None at this meeting

Approval of Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Scott Sanders to **APPROVE** the minutes of the November 5, 2013 meeting as presented. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Gary Carlson and **CARRIED** by a vote of **5-0**.

Selection of Officers

Gary Carlson made a **MOTION** and nominated Scott Sanders to serve as **Chairman**. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Dave Coady and Scott Sanders accepted. Scott Sanders was made **Chairman** by a vote of **4-0**

Gary Carlson made a **MOTION** and nominated Janna Bailey to serve as **Vice-Chairman**. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Dave Coady and Janna Bailey accepted. Janna Bailey was made **Vice-Chairman** by a vote of **4-0**

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Certificate of Appropriateness for 2929 Charles St – Parking lot and Landscaping for Field House Addition

The applicant presented information on the proposed parking lot layout and related landscaping for the field house addition. The applicant showed existing conditions site plan with parking lot shown and redevelopment of new parking field and scope of landscaping removal and replanting.

Gary Carlson asked if the path shown is existing through arboretum.

The applicant indicated this is present.

Gary Carlson asked if there is fencing in the area now?

The applicant responded, yes, chain link in this area.

Scott Sanders asked if the city approved the parking lot?

The applicant responded stating the city doesn't have jurisdiction on the parking. They will get stormwater review, but ultimately don't have complete review required.

Scott Sanders recommend having the parking lot landscaped to comply with the general requirements of the City despite lack of City authority on property. Scott made recommendations to beef up along the edge between the parking lot and existing arboretum path.

Vickie Kruger joined the meeting at 6:37pm.

The applicant identified the existing parking down the road with the idea is this would go back to the arboretum so the existing parking area would go back to the arboretum space, possibly acquire property in the future to expand parking to the west of the field house.

Scott Sanders stated he still likes this plan.

Scott Sanders made a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** the Certificate of Appropriateness Application as presented for Parking Lot and Landscaping for the Fieldhouse Addition at 2929 Charles St as presented to the Historic Preservation Commission with 1) parking lot landscaping comply with City of Rockford landscaping and 2) north edge of parking lot be planted with species consistent to the existing arboretum. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vickie Kruger and **CARRIED** by a vote of **5-0**.

Request for Opinion of accessory structure use – 946 N 2nd St.

Historic Preservation Commission Secretary presented information to the Historic Preservation Commission regarding the email received from the Community Foundation for the Auto House located on the western edge of their property and that the owner would like to know what would make the most sense to proceed with this structure and requested an opinion of the HPC to determine what course(s) of action would be permitted with this structure.

Scott Sanders asked what the opinion of Gary Carlson is regarding this property and what he believes should be done with it.

Gary Carlson says that the property is used for some storage with the Y and various things by the Foundation.

Scott Sanders asked is it exposed on all sides or partially built into the hillside?

Gary Carlson stated, partially built in, 2 sides are fully exposed.

Dave Coady asked, is there a reason why this wasn't included with the historic register?

Gary Carlson responded, likely because they did not want to be prevented from demolishing this property.

Scott Sanders suggested response for HPCs to prepare.

HPC Secretary will draft and distribute a formal response letter for approval before sending to the property owner.

Communication and Staff report

HPCS Presented the Annual Report to the Commission for their review and comment prior to publishing as the official annual report.

A **MOTION** was made by **Gary Carlson** to **APPROVE** the Annual Report as presented by the HPC Secretary. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by **Dave Coady** and **CARRIED** by a vote of **5-0**

Adjournment

With no other business Scott Sanders made a **MOTION** to **ADJOURN**. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Gary Carlson and **CARRIED** by a vote of **5-0**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

Submitted by Thaddeus Mack – Historic Preservation Commission Secretary