

# Rockford Historic Preservation Commission

November 14, 2006 - 6:00 PM

Conference Room B

Rockford City Hall

**Present** Maureen Flanagan; Mike Pauly; Sally Faber; Laura Bachelder; Ald. Doug Mark; Frank St. Angel

**Absent** Jeanne Ludeke

**Staff** Ginny Gregory; Sandra Hawthorne

**Others** Gary Anderson, James Winters, Ted Richardson, Chandler Anderson

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## NEW BUSINESS

### Minutes

Ald. Doug Mark made a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** minutes for the meetings of October 3 and October 11, 2006 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Sally Faber and **CARRIED** by a vote of 6-0.

### Certificates of Appropriateness

#### ♦ 312 South Third Street

Gary Anderson, owner of the property, requested approval for a new asphalt shingle roof with copper valleys. The shingles will be grey, 50-year shingles with a weathered look, with a red highlight band on 3 rows, 6 feet from the top. The house originally had a wood shake shingle roof, then slate was placed on top of that, and asphalt shingles on top of that. He also stated he had restored the railing on the back porch and north front porch. This house has three porches, back, front, and a small one on the north side. A **MOTION** was made by Alderman Doug Mark to **APPROVE** the roof replacement as stated, and re-installing the original railings on the back porch and the north front porch. The Motion was seconded by Maureen Flanagan and **CARRIED** by a vote of 6-0.

#### ♦ 1126 Greenmount Street

James Winters explained that the owner wants to replace 8 windows on both sides of the house, make new wood frames for the 4 windows on the front of the house, and replace and paint the front door. He stated 4 of the window sills are rotted so will need replacement. Mr. Winters stated the windows in the attic have screens and louvers, and the louvers will be reinstalled. All windows will be replaced with vinyl, but will have painted wood around them. The front storm windows currently swing out on hinges and will remain as such. There is a small window on the rear of the house that the owner would like to eliminate but isn't sure how best to do this without having to re-side the entire back of the house. Mr. Winters also stated he wishes to replace the front door and the light fixture over this door.

Frank St. Angel noted that the house has been altered from its original style in several areas by other owners and felt the proposed work would be an improvement. Ald. Mark stated he did not have a problem with the windows, and felt the door was a great improvement. Mr. Winters stated they had future plans for the house, including removing the stoop, installing spindles on the back porch, and improving water drainage in the area of the sidewalk along the left side of the house, but will come back before the Board for those.

A **MOTION** was made by Doug Mark to **APPROVE** replacing the front door with a steel door having two rectangular windows on top, replacing the light fixture over the front door, and replacing windows on both sides of the house, removing the window in back. The Motion was seconded by Maureen Flanagan and **CARRIED** by a vote of 6-0.

♦ **901 Garfield Avenue**

Ginny stated that the owners had called and said they would be applying for a Certificate for a new fence; however, no application was ever submitted. She will follow up to see if one was built.

♦ **519 Indian Terrace**

Ted Richardson, the owner, indicated that he would like to replace the front part of the driveway with stamped asphalt. The original driveway was in very poor condition. The Commission felt this would be appropriate as at least one other driveway on Indian Terrace had been done in the same way. A **MOTION** was made by Ald. Doug Mark to **APPROVE** the installation of stamped asphalt in the front 24 feet of the driveway as stated on the application. The Motion was seconded by Laura Bachelder and **CARRIED** by a vote of 6-0.

♦ **1105 North Court Street (Garrison School)**

Chandler Anderson was present with a request to renew the original Certificate of Appropriateness for this property. He stated that areas 11, 12, and 13 were being increased from two units to three units. Other than this change, the renewal is the same. Mr. Anderson stated they anticipate finalizing plans for the new construction and will be making an application to the Commission with a goal to break ground in the Spring for that portion of the project. Approval for the windows has been received from the State. A **MOTION** was made by Ald. Doug Mark to **APPROVE** the renewal of the Certificate of Appropriateness for 1105 North Court Street as noted above. The Motion was seconded by Mike Pauly and **CARRIED** by a vote of 6-0.

**OLD BUSINESS – None**

**STAFF REPORT**

**Realtor training – update**

Ginny stated the filing deadline for the grant from the State was missed. A resume for everyone involved is required, and since speakers are not known yet this could not be complied with. Sally stated that she had learned what the Illinois Association of Realtors in Springfield requires for

training such as this to be eligible for continuing education credits for realtors. Among other things, we will have to provide them an outline of the training and have all of the speakers licensed by them. Ginny stated Dave Hagney or Jim Lev would be willing to speak at one of the sessions. Sally added that she had spoken with Terry Hall at RAAR to see what could be done to make real estate agents aware that there are certain documents that need to be provided and the time frame required. The next step is for Ginny to follow up with the National Trust and with IHPA for other funding alternatives.

**Violations** – Nothing to report

#### **OTHER**

♦ **New members for 2007**

Ginny stated Jeanne Ludeke is not interested in a second term on the Commission at this time. Frank suggested Mark McInnis who also lives in Haight Village. Ginny received a call from David Hagney, stating he would be willing to serve on the Commission again. Everyone agreed David would be a good choice. Frank will talk to Mark and ask him to contact Ginny. She will follow up with the Mayor's office.

♦ **208 South Second Street**

In response to a question, Ginny stated she has not had a reply from Greg Smith, 208 South Second Street, to her letter stating the metal chimney system needs to be moved from the side of the building to the roof before the December expiration date. No work appears to have been done as yet.

With no further business to report, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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