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**City of Evansville Historic Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday April 20, 2022 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, Comm. Development Dir. Jason Sergeant, City Administrator Carter Arndt, MSA Professional Services
Vice-chair Gene Lewis	P	
Steve Culberston	A	
Katie Sacker	P	
Norman Barker	A	
Cheryl Doerfer	P	
Steve Christens	P	

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

4. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the March 16, 2022 meeting and approve them as printed by Christens, seconded by Sacker. Motion carried unanimously.

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

6. Citizen appearances and Public Presentations.

A. Lauren Williams and Chris Evans

Evans and Williams described their property on W Church St, which contains a carriage house which is leaning and has no windows left in it and has rotten wood. Evans and Williams wanted the commission's input on the process and requirements for demolishing the carriage house. Stephans explained that in order to approve the demolition, they would need to apply to replace it with a building which is a similar dimensions and characteristics of the carriage house and what is seen in the district for carriage houses.

7. Applications – Action Items:

A. 225 W Liberty – Repair Windows (HPC-2022-0088)

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Applicant Susanne Herman present. Herman described the condition of the windows and gutters and her intentions with the project. **Motion to approve the application as submitted by Doerfer, seconded by Lewis. Motion carried.**

B. 125 Garfield – Replace Carriage House Windows with Modern (HPC-2022-0072)

Applicant Paula Yingst Present. Yingst described the damage to the windows due to squirrels eating them. Stephans discussed the windows as he viewed them in person and that the damage from the squirrels was mainly on the muntins. Stephans advised that the windows are original and that they should be repaired if possible or replaced in kind if unrepairable. **Motion to table the application pending additional information by Christens, seconded by Lewis. Motion carried.**

C. 129 E Main – Install Fence (HPC-2022-0095)

Applicant not present. Spranger described the project from her discussions with the applicant. **Motion to table the application pending receipt of a more detailed plot plan by Doerfer, seconded by Christens. Motion carried.**

D. 34 N Second – Replace and Move Window (HPC-2022-0087)

Applicant not present. Spranger discussed the project, which had already been completed without commission or building permit approval. **Motion NOT to approve the application and to require the appearance of the elevation be restored to the previous appearance by Stephans, seconded by Lewis. Motion carried.**

E. 14 Railroad – Demolish Residence (HPC-2022-0057)

Applicant Roger Berg present. Stephans discussed the project and that two architects, an engineer, and the city's building inspector all agreed that the building is unsafe. Berg discussed the condition of the project and that they originally intended to repair the building and found further issues while working which increased the danger posed by the building and repairing it would remove virtually all historic material. **Motion to approve the application as submitted by Lewis, seconded by Christens. Motion carried.**

F. 14 Railroad – New Construction (HPC-2022-0096)

Berg described the proposed new residence compared to the existing residence. Stephans remarked that the existing residence had multiple additions on it and the style of the proposed building would be more similar to the original style of the home prior to the additions. Berg stated the proposed building materials would match the residence next door. **Motion to approve the application as submitted by Doerfer, seconded by Christens. Motion carried.**

8. Discussion Items:

A. Preservation Heroes

Discussion was held and it was agreed the preservation heroes would not be done this year due to time constraints and that it could be done every other year as opposed to yearly.

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9. Report of the Community Development Director

A. Staff Issued Certificate of Appropriateness

- i.** 115 S First – Replace Asphalt Shingles with Same (HPC-2022-0082)
- ii.** 33 N First – Replace Railing and Siding with Same (HPC-2022-2091)
- iii.** 443 N First – Replace Rotted Siding and Trim with Same (HPC-2022-0074)

10. Correspondence, Comments and Concerns

11. Next Meeting Date: May 18, 2022 @ 6:00

12. Motion to Adjourn by Christens, seconded by Sacker. Motion carried.