

**City of Evansville Historic Preservation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 16, 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 6:01 pm

**2. Roll Call:**

| <b>Members</b>        | <b>Present/Absent</b> | <b>Others Present</b>                     |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Chair Dan Stephans    | P                     | Pat Carr                                  |
| Vice-chair Gene Lewis | P                     | Roger Berg                                |
| Vacant                | A                     | Melissa Destree, Destree Architects       |
| Katie Sacker          | P                     | John and Barbara Willoughby               |
| Norman Barker         | P                     |   |
| Cheryl Doerfer        | A                     | Bill Lathrop, Evansville Today            |
| Steve Christens       | P                     | Colette Spranger, Community Dev. Director |

**3. Motion to approve the agenda by Lewis, seconded by Sacker. Motion carried unanimously.**

**4. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the October 19, 2022 meeting and approve them as printed by Barker, seconded by Sacker. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

**6. Citizen appearances and Public Presentations.**

**7. Applications – Action Items:**

**A. 29 W Main – Sign on Grange Building (2022-0319)**

Applicant John Schroeder was present. Proposal to put a wall sign on an existing sign mount currently vacant on the Grange Building. No additional lighting is proposed.

**Motion to approve the application by Christens, seconded by Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.**

**B. 32 W Main – Repair Fireplace/Chimney Stack (2022-0214)**

Applicant Anika Laube was present. She has provided an estimate and materials for repair of her chimney stack as requested by the Commission at an earlier meeting where her application was tabled.

**Motion to take the application from the table by Sacker, seconded by Christens. Motion carried unanimously.**

Barker asking if the flashing of the new work would match the existing mortar and bricks. Applicant replied that she expected that the contractor would check for color matching before applying.

Recommended that the contractor make a sample board that has time to cure before the flashing is applied.

**Motion to approve the application, by Christens, second by Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.**

**C. 15 Garfield – Replace Porch Railings and Spindles to match existing appearance (2022-0295)**

Applicants John and Barbara Willoughby were present. The proposal is to replace composite spindles and railing with a Trex composite that matches the rest of the porch. Spindles will be sized to match the dimensions of what is currently there. Barker asked about setting precedent. Stephans replied that the existing porch material is not original material. Therefore this is an in-kind replacement.

**Motion to approve the application, by Christens, second by Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.**

**D. 319 W Main – Install Iron Fence in Backyard (2022-0315)**

Applicant James Hurley was present. He proposes to install an metal/iron fence located in his backyard. No discussion from commission members.

**Motion to approve the application, by Sacker, second by Christens. Motion carried unanimously.**

**E. 224 W Church – Extensive Building Repair/Rehabilitation (2022-0320)**

Applicant Pat Carr was present with an application for proposed improvements to his home at 224 W Church. This same project was discussed and presented at the October HPC meeting. Carr is working with Destree Architects to restore the building and is working with the State Historic Preservation Office in ensure that the entire project qualifies for tax credits. Proposed work include replacing and repairing wood windows, restoring the sleeping porch on the second floor, and rehabilitating the rear addition of the building. Carr notes that he intends to use an Arts and Crafts color scheme for the exterior.

**Motion to approve the application, by Lewis, second by Barker. Motion carried unanimously.**

**8. Discussion Items**

**A. 9 Maple – New Sign Location -- Robin St Clair**

Ms. St. Clair was present to discuss a potential sign at her new office at 9 Maple Street. She is renting an apartment and using it as an office for her realty company. Since the space is not designed for an obvious placement for a sign, HPC recommendations were sought. St. Clair intends to use a hanging wall sign similar to what is out front. Christens suggested that the sign not be any larger than that existing sign. St. Clair will submit an application for approval when she's ready to install.

**B. 103/105 S Madison – Replace Wood Windows with Vinyl (2022-0288)**

Applicant was not present. Spranger gave an update regarding Noah Hurley's application to seek approval for the windows he replaced at 103/105 S Madison. Mitigation efforts were

discussed but no concrete plans had been submitted. A discussion between Commission members on how to resolve this issue ensued, leading to their ultimate motions.

**Motion to take the application from the table by Sacker, seconded by Barker. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion to deny the application by Stephans, seconded by Christens Motion carried unanimously.**

**9. Report of the Community Development Director**

**A. Staff Issued Certificates of Appropriateness**

- i. 223 W Main – Garage Roof Replacement (2022-0294)
- ii. 137 E Main – Exterior Window Pane, Patio Door and Trim in Kind (2022-0304).

**10. Correspondence, Comments and Concerns**

**A. Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Evansville Today article.** Barker commented on the Evansville Today article that was published about the previous month's meeting. He felt that it made the HPC look heavy-handed in their decision making. Lewis offered another opinion, stating that he had been thanked by other community members for standing up for historic preservation. Bill Lathrop, who wrote the article, was present and mentioned that he had spoken with both HPC Chair Dan Stephans and Community Development Director Colette Spranger as part of the article, who had both reviewed the article prior to publication.

**11. Next Meeting Date:** Commission decided to move the December meeting date one week earlier to December 14, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

**12. Motion to Adjourn by Sacker, second by Barker. Motion carried unanimously.**