

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2021; 5:00 PM

DAVENPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT | 416 N HARRISON ST | COMMUNITY ROOM

I. Call to Order

Vice-Chairperson Franken called the meeting to order.

Present: Franken, Powers, Sage, and Miranda

Excused: McGivern, Lesthaghe, and Wilga

Staff Present: Laura Berkley, Matt Werderitch, and Jake Ralfs

II. Secretary's Report

A. Consideration of the October 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Miranda, second by Powers to approve the October 12, 2021 meeting minutes. Minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote (4-0).

III. Communications

A. Kahl Building Tour

B. Demolition of 911 Gaines Street

Staff informed the Commission of the upcoming demolition of 911 Gaines Street, which was damaged when the adjacent home caught fire in May 2021. The Fire Marshall and Chief Building Official issued a Notice of Public Hazard recommending the emergency deconstruction of the building.

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

A. Case COA21-24: Exterior alteration at 1234 East River Drive. The Abner Davison House is a locally listed historic landmark. Quad City Restorations, petitioner, on behalf of Des Moines Restorations, LLC. [Ward 3]

Werderitch discussed the proposed installation of a new slate roof on both the main house and carriage house. Staff believe the original roof material was slate, but was replaced with asphalt shingle in the 1960s. The applicant is also repairing the historic box gutters and restoring the existing wood soffit and fascia.

Staff recommended approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior alteration at 1234 East River Drive in accordance with the submitted material.

The project was reviewed for conformance with the Standards for Review, Chapter 14.01.060C of the Davenport Municipal Code. The project meets the following standards:

1. Every reasonable effort shall be made to make the minimal number of changes necessary to maintain a designated property in a good state of repair, thereby minimizing the impact of the proposed alteration.
2. Deteriorated architectural features should, where possible, be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical or pictorial evidence.

Motion by Powers, second by Miranda to approve staff recommendation for approval of Case COA21-24. Motion to approve staff recommendation passed by a roll call vote (4-0).

- B. Case COA21-25: Request to install a new roof at the Annie Wittenmyer Aquatic Center located in the Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' Home Historic District. City of Davenport Parks and Recreation Department, petitioner. [Ward 5]

Werderitch provided an overview of the proposed stone coated metal roof installation at the Annie Wittenmyer Aquatic Center and mechanical building. William Fisher, City of Davenport Parks and Recreation Department, was in attendance to answer questions. The metal roof material was preferred due to its durability, cost, and aesthetic.

Staff made a recommendation to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness to install a new roof at the Annie Wittenmyer Aquatic Center per Chapter 14.01.060 of the Davenport Municipal Code.

The project was reviewed for conformance with the Standards for Review, Chapter 14.01.060.C. of the Davenport Municipal Code. The Project meets the following standard:

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Motion by Sage, second by Miranda to approve staff recommendation for approval of Case COA21-25. Motion to approve staff recommendation passed by a roll call vote (4-0).

VI. Other Business

A. 2022 Meeting Dates

Werderitch stated the Historic Preservation Commission will continue to meet at 5:00 pm the second Tuesday of each month in 2022. Unless there are scheduling conflicts, meetings will be held at 5pm at City Hall, 226 West 4th Street, in the Council Chambers.

VII. Open Forum for Comment

VIII. Adjourn

Motion by Powers, second by Miranda to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by a voice vote (4-0). The meeting adjourned at 5:31 pm.

IX. Next Commission Meeting: December 14, 2021