

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021; 5:00 PM

CITY HALL, 226 W 4TH ST, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

I. Call to Order

Chairperson McGivern called the meeting to order.

Present: McGivern, Powers, Sage, Miranda, and Lesthaghe

Excused: Franken and Wilga

Staff Present: Laura Berkley, Matt Werderitch, Jake Ralfs

II. Secretary's Report

A. Consideration of the September 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Powers, second by Lesthaghe to approve the September 14, 2021 meeting minutes. Minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote (5-0).

III. Communications

Werderitch announced Iowa is celebrating 175 years of statehood. The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs donated three pop-up display boards to the City to commemorate the people and places that have shaped the land. The pop-up displays will rotate to different venues throughout the year.

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

A. Case COA21-22: Request for exterior alteration at 612 West 7th Street. Hamburg Local Landmark Historic District. Trujillo Construction LLC, petitioner, on behalf of Eugene McCallister. [Ward 3]

Werderitch discussed the proposed installation of new vinyl siding on the noncontributing structure. The proposed siding will be installed over the original wood siding, which remains intact underneath the existing asphalt shingle siding.

Staff recommended approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior alteration at 612 West 7th Street, subject to the following conditions:

1. To the greatest extent possible, the original wood siding shall be preserved underneath the installation of the new vinyl siding.
2. The profile of the horizontal vinyl siding shall match the profile of the original wood siding.

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 Miranda, second by Lesthaghe to approve staff recommendation for approval of Case COA21-22 with the two listed conditions. Motion to approve staff recommendation and conditions passed by a roll call vote (5-0).

- B. Case COA21-23: Request for exterior alteration at 511 Gaines Street. Hamburg Local Landmark Historic District. Jonathan Pham, petitioner. [Ward 3]

Werderitch provided an overview of the proposed chimney repair. In addition, the owner received a quote to demolish and reconstruct the rear stairway and improper addition. The owner is continuing to work with City Staff to address the outstanding items outlined in the Notice and Order. The owner, Jonathan Pham, was in attendance to answer questions.

Staff made a recommendation to approve the following project components and materials as presented in the Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 511 Gaines Street:

1. Repair and water proof chimney with mortar mix
2. Demolish improper rear addition and stairway

Staff also made a recommendation to table the reconstruction of the rear staircase and improper rear addition. The purpose is to allow the applicant additional time to prepare plans detailing the design of the reconstructed staircase and shed. City staff will continue to work with the applicant and contractor to remedy these issues and bring forward a proposal at a later date.

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Motion by Powers, second by Sage to approve staff recommendation for approval of the chimney repair and demolition of the improper rear addition and stairway. The reconstruction of the rear addition and stairway was tabled. Motion to approve staff recommendation passed by a roll call vote (5-0).

VI. Other Business

VII. Open Forum for Comment

VIII. Adjourn

Motion by Sage, second by Lesthaghe to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by a voice vote (5-0). The meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

IX. Next Commission Meeting: November 9, 2021