

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022; 5:00 PM

CITY HALL | 226 WEST 4TH STREET | COUNCIL CHAMBERS

I. Call to Order

Chairperson McGivern called the meeting to order.

Present: McGivern, Franken, Powers, Miranda, Sage, Higgins

Excused: Lesthaghe

Staff Present: Berkley, Werderitch, Pradhan

II. Secretary's Report

A. Consideration of the August 9, 2022 meeting minutes.

Motion by Franken, second by Sage to approve the August 9, 2022 meeting minutes.
Minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote (6-0).

III. Communications

The Commission welcomed Commissioner Higgins. The Commission also thanked Commissioner Sage for her service and wished her well on her future endeavors.

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

A. Case No: COA22-11: Window and door replacement at 623 West 6th Street. The Gustav and Anna (Hitzeman) Hageboeck House is located in the local Historic Hamburg District. PJ Slobojan, petitioner. [Ward 3]

Werderitch provided an overview of the proposed window and door replacements. The Commission approved the front façade windows at their October 10, 2017 meeting. The request is to install the same windows throughout the remainder of the home.

PJ Slobojan was in attendance to answer questions.

Staff made a recommendation to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of new windows and doors at 623 West 6th Street in accordance with the submitted materials.

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 standard:

1. 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 Higgins, second by Miranda, to approve staff recommendation for Case COA22-11. Motion to approve staff recommendation passed by a roll call vote (6-0).

- B. Case COA22-12: Request to replace the clock tower hands at 226 West 4th Street. City Hall is a locally designated historic landmark. City of Davenport, petitioner. [Ward 3]

Werderitch presented an overview of the City Hall restoration project, which is currently underway. During construction it was discovered that the wooden clock tower hands are severely deteriorated. BiState Masonry recommended the City replace the hands on all four faces of the clock due to the significant decay.

The City is proposing to replace the deteriorated wooden hands with metal hands powder coated in black. The original wooden hands on the clock tower will be used as a template for the metal hands. Visually, the replacement material will match the size, shape, and color of the original. However, metal is the preferred alternative given its durability. Given the substantial height of the clock tower, the difference in material will have minimal impact on the historic integrity of the structure.

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

1. 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 Franken, second by Sage, to approve Case COA22-12 in accordance with the submitted materials and plans. Motion to approve as presented passed by a roll call vote (6-0).

- C. Case COA22-13: Request to install new signage on Building G located in the Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' Home Historic District. Tapestry Farms, petitioner. [Ward 5]

Werderitch gave a summary of the proposed sign package. Tapestry Farms will be renting Building G in the Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' Home Historic District. A projecting sign is proposed on the north elevation of Building G to help visitors identify the main entrance.

A representative of Tapestry Farms, Ann McGlynn, was present to answer questions.

Staff made a recommendation to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of new signage on Building G in the Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' Home Historic District per Chapter 14.01.060 of the Zoning Ordinance.

The project was reviewed for conformance with the Standards for Review, Chapter 14.01.060.C and D. 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. The height of the proposed projecting sign is compatible with the designated property and the surrounding structures.
3. Site improvements should have as minimal of an impact as possible to the designated property's original layout and its visual character.

Motion by Powers, second by Miranda, to approve staff recommendation for Case COA22-13. Motion to approve staff recommendation passed by a roll call vote (6-0).

VI. Other Business

VII. Open Forum for Comment

VIII. Adjourn

Motion by Powers, second by Higgins to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by a voice vote (6-0). The meeting adjourned at 5:13 pm.

IX. Next Commission Meeting: October 11, 2022