

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023; 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, Miranda, Hustedde, Kretz

Excused: Powers

Staff Present: Berkley

II. Secretary's Report

A. Consideration of the August 8, 2023 meeting minutes.

Motion by Franken, second by Hustedde, to approve the August 8, 2023 meeting minutes. Minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote (5-0).

III. Communications

A. Downtown Davenport Architectural Walking Tour

B. Porch Party

Jan Stoffer, Director of Operations & Administration for the Butterworth Center/Deere-Wiman House, invited the Commissioners and the public to the 2023 Porch Party in Moline, IL.

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

A. Case COA23-26: Request to reconstruct the front stoop at 613 West 6th Street. Isaac and Mary Farber House is located in the Local Hamburg Historic District. Lenny DeSantiago, petitioner. [Ward 3]

Berkley introduced the scope of the project and outlined the staff report. The owner is requesting permission reconstruct the front stoop and stairs.

Lenny DeSantiago, applicant, was in attendance to answer questions.

Staff recommended approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness to reconstruct the front stoop at 613 West 6th Street in accordance with the submitted material.

The project was reviewed for conformance with the Standards for Review, Chapter 14.01.060C and D 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 Franken, second by Kretz, to approve Case COA23-26 as submitted. Motion to approve passed by a roll call vote (5-0).

- B. Case COA23-27: Request to tuckpoint and repair masonry at 301 East 2nd Street. The Davenport Bag and Paper Company Building is a locally listed historic landmark in the Davenport Motor Row and Industrial Historic District. Peterson HTC LLC, petitioner. [Ward 3]

Berkley summarized the request to tuckpoint and repair/replace stone masonry. A mortar analysis was submitted for review.

Neil Desai, Peterson HTC, LLC, was in attendance to answer questions.

Staff recommended approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness to tuckpoint and repair masonry at 301 East 2nd Street in accordance with the submitted material, subject to the following condition:

1. Replacement masonry shall replicate the old in material, design, color, texture, and other visual qualities.

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.
3. Activities that cause deterioration of a designated property and its architectural features shall be discouraged. In those cases where the damage would be irreversible, such as sand-blasting and wet blasting fire-hardened bricks, the activities shall be prohibited. If cleaning is to be done, the gentlest means possible shall be encouraged.

Motion by Kretz, second by Miranda, to approve Case COA23-27 as submitted. Motion to approve passed by a roll call vote (5-0).

- C. Case COA23-28: Request to relocate ADA ramp into building, add building signage and improve the overall street presence at the Davenport Public Library, 321 Main Street. The Davenport Public Library - Edward Durell Stone Building is a locally listed historic landmark in the Davenport Commercial Historic District. Legat Architects on behalf of the Davenport Library, petitioner. [Ward 3]

Berkley summarized the request to improve the overall street presence of the Main Library. The scope of services included options for ADA ramps, signage, art installations, and outdoor seating. Several difference options were presented for review and comment. Legat Architects will return with a revised design based on the feedback from the Commission.

A representative of Legat Architects was in attendance to present the different design options to the Commission.

Commissioners emphasized symmetry and preserving the significant architectural features of the library. This item will be brought back at a later date for formal review and a vote.

VI. Other Business

A. Review of Commission Bylaws

Staff distributed copies of draft Commission Bylaws for review and discussion. The draft was amended to reflect comments made at the July Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

Commissioners favored the proposed language in the Bylaws. McGivern asked that the Bylaws be brought to the October meeting for a vote.

VII. Open Forum for Comment

VIII. Adjourn

Motion by Kretz, second by Miranda, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by a voice vote (5-0). The meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm.

IX. Next Commission Meeting: October 10, 2023