

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 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, Miranda, Powers, Lesthaghe

Excused: Sage

Staff Present: Berkley, Werderitch

II. Secretary's Report

A. Consideration of the March 8, 2022 meeting minutes.

Motion by Powers, second by Franken to approve the March 8, 2022 meeting minutes.
Minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote (5-0).

III. Communications

A. NAPC CAMP Workshop

Werderitch announced the upcoming training workshop on April 30th in Van Horne, Iowa. Staff will register interested Commissioners for virtual attendance.

B. Davenport DREAM PLUS

Werderitch provided an overview of the Davenport DREAM Plus program, which offers financial assistance to property owners for interior and exterior improvements. Portions of the Hamburg Local Landmark Historic District are included within the program.

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

A. Case COA22-04: Request for exterior alteration at 630 West 5th Street. The John Ruch House is located within the Hamburg Local Landmark Historic District. Duane Timm, petitioner. [Ward 3]

Werderitch presented an overview of the project scope, which included three separate components: an east porch addition, rear porch addition, and demolition of a non-original east addition. The applicant, Duane Timm, was present at the meeting to discuss the project. Mr. Timm brought a sample replacement brick and drawing of the proposed porch brackets.

Staff made a recommendation to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior alteration at 630 West 5th Street in accordance with the submitted material, subject to the following conditions:

1. The northern hip roof profile on the east elevation shall be preserved.
2. Both the east and north porch shall be attached to the structure using the least invasive means possible to best preserve the brick exterior.
3. The gutters along the east and north porch roofline shall match the style, material, and profile of the main structure.
4. The replacement window, behind the east bump-out addition, shall match the Marvin windows that were approved by the Historic Preservation Commission at its August 10, 2021 meeting. Return the window opening to its original dimensions to match the adjacent first floor window.
5. Provide replacement brick samples to city staff for review and approval. Replacement brick shall match the dimension, composition, and color of the existing brick exterior.

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. New additions and related new construction shall not be discouraged when such improvements do not destroy historic material and such design is compatible with the size, massing, scale, color, materials and character of the property, neighborhood and district, if applicable.
2. A proposed alteration, construction, reconstruction or addition should not negatively impact the scale of the designated property.

The removal of the northern hip profile roof does not meet 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. Roof shape. The roof design and shape should remain consistent with its original configuration and character.

Motion by Powers, second by Miranda, to approve staff recommendation for approval of Case COA22-04. 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 Miranda, second by Lesthaghe to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by a voice vote (5-0). The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

IX. Next Commission Meeting: May 10, 2022