

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022; 5:00 PM

DAVENPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT | 416 N HARRISON ST | COMMUNITY ROOM

I. Call to Order

Chairperson McGivern called the meeting to order.

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

Staff Present: Laura Berkley, Matt Werderitch, Trishna Pradhan

II. Secretary's Report

A. Consideration of the November 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Powers, second by Franken to approve the November 9, 2021 meeting minutes. Minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote (6-0).

III. Communications

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

A. Case COA22-01: Request for masonry restoration and exterior alteration at 226 West 4th Street. City Hall is a locally designated historic landmark. Legat Architects, petitioner, on behalf of the City of Davenport.[Ward 3]

Werderitch presented an overview of the Building Envelope Assessment Report provided by Legat Architects. The City plans to fully restore the masonry exterior of City Hall. Mark Siwik of Legat Architects was present to answer questions.

Staff made a recommendation to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for masonry restoration and exterior alteration at 226 West 4th Street.

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. 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 sandblasting 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 Franken, second by Lesthaghe to approve staff recommendation for approval of Case COA20-01. Motion to approve staff recommendation passed by a roll call vote (6-0).

- B. Case DNRHP22-01: Request for demolition of 2223 West 1st Street. Individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society, petitioner. [Ward 1]

Werderitch discussed the proposed demolition of the gardener's cottage and detached garage on the Clarissa Cook Home for the Friendless property. Staff outlined the Historic Preservation Ordinance procedures for demolition. The applicant submitted a Home Inspection Report conducted by Precision Builders detailing the condition of the home. Ronald Calvert with the Good Samaritan Society of Davenport was in attendance.

Commissioners preferred the structure be either renovated or marketed as a single-family home. The desire would be to incorporate the home back into the neighborhood. However, the Good Samaritan Society did not find these options financially feasible.

Werderitch stated the gardener's cottage and garage at 2223 West 1st Street does not meet the criteria in Section 14.040.B of the Davenport Municipal Code for designating the structure as an individually listed Local Historic Landmark.

Staff recommended the Historic Preservation Commission approve demolition of the gardener's cottage and garage at 2223 West 1st Street.

Motion by Sage, second by Lesthaghe to approve staff recommendation for approval of Case DNRHP22-01. Motion to approve staff recommendation passed by a roll call vote (5-1). Miranda voting against.

- C. 2021 Certified Local Government Annual Report

Werderitch presented the 2022-2023 Work Plan, which will be included the 2021 Certified Local Government Annual Report.

Motion by Powers, second by Sage to approve the 2021 Certified Local Government Annual Report. Motion to approve the report passed by a roll call vote (6-0).

The Commission discussed opportunities for public education and community outreach. Kathryn Kuntz, Special Collections Supervisor for the Davenport Public Library, and Commissioner Powers presented an opportunity for the Commission to promote a "How to Research Your Home" workshop during Historic Preservation Month in May. Commissioner Franken expressed an interest in partnering with the Davenport School District to have historic preservation taught in the classroom.

Motion by Franken, second by Sage to approve the creation of a subcommittee to explore potential opportunities for public education and community outreach. The subcommittee will consist of Commissioner Powers, Franken, and Sage. The subcommittee will report back to the Commission regarding future events and partnerships. Motion to approve the public education and community outreach subcommittee passed by a roll call vote (6-0).

VI. Other Business

VII. Open Forum for Comment

VIII. Adjourn

Motion by Miranda, second by Powers to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by a voice vote (6-0). The meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

IX. Next Commission Meeting: March 8, 2022