

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12 2021; 5:00 PM
CITY HALL, 226 W 4TH ST, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
HYBRID VIRTUAL MEETING
DAVENPORT, IOWA 52801

I. Call to Order

Vice Chairman McGivern called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present by phone or virtual meeting: Powers, Franken, McGivern, and Lesthaeghe.

Staff present: Laura Berkley, Matt Werderitch, and Jake Ralfs

II. Secretary's Report

A. Consideration of the October 13, 2020 meeting minutes.

Motion by Powers, second by Franken to approve the October 13, 2020 meeting minutes. Minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote (4-0).

III. Communications. No new communications.

IV. Old Business.

V. New Business.

A. Case DNRHP20-01 being the request for demolition of 1214 Christie Street in the Village of East Davenport National Historic District. Jonathan Rocha, petitioner. [Ward5]

Werderitch provided an overview of the case with the following findings and recommendation: The property at 1214 Christie Street does not meet the criteria in Section 14.040B of the Davenport Municipal Code for designating the property as an individually listed Local Historic Landmark. Staff recommends that the Historic Preservation Commission approve demolition of 1214 Christie Street.

The applicant, Jonathan Rocha, was available to answer questions.

Motion by Franken, seconded by Lesthaeghe to approve demolition of 1214 Christie Street. Motion was approved (4-0).

B. Case COA21-01 being the request for exterior alteration of Wilhelm H. and Margareta (Ehlers) Pohlmann House located at 502 West 8th Street in the Hamburg Local Landmark Historic District. Earl and Carletha Baugh, petitioner. [Ward 3]

Staff provided a recommendation to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior alteration to 502 West 8th Street per Chapter 14.01.060 of the Zoning Ordinance. Werderitch provided a report with the following findings:

- i. 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.

- ii. 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.

The applicants, Earl and Carletha Baugh, were present at the meeting.

Motion by Powers, seconded by Franken to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior alteration at 502 West 8th Street. Motion was approved (4-0).

C. Work Plan Review and Development

Berkley provided an overview of the Certified Local Government annual report.

Werderitch discussed the need to review the past work plan, assess progress, and develop a new two year work plan. The Historic Preservation Commission will review and develop a new work plan at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

VI. Other Business.

McGivern expressed his condolences for the passing of John Frueh. As Chairperson of the Historic Preservation Commission for the past 20 years, John helped establish 18 local and National Register Historic Districts, named 45 properties as Davenport Local Landmarks, and supported the nomination of hundreds of individual properties to the National Register of Historic Places. His wealth of knowledge and passion for preserving historic buildings will be sorely missed, but not forgotten.

VII. Open Forum for Comment. No comments.

VIII. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:15 pm.

IX. Next Commission Meeting: February 9, 2021