



REGULAR MEETING
4:00 p.m. August 12, 2009
Commission Room – City Hall

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. Board members present: Woodside, Gansz, Preston, Buhta, Ervin, Thompson, Dunn. Board members absent: Kealey, McMahan, Hieb. Others present: Jeanny Wang, Carol Mashek.

Chairman Ervin requested that a new item addressing a home expansion in a historic district be inserted into the agenda after review of meeting minutes.

Approval of July 8, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Preston, seconded by Buhta, to approve the July 8, 2009 meeting minutes. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Review of Plans – 834 S Phillips Ave.

Tom Breuer Construction present plans for a large rear addition to the home at 834 S Phillips Ave, which is within the All Saints Historic District. Motion by Gansz, seconded by Woodside, that the addition as proposed did not constitute an adverse effect. The Board recommended the following alterations: include soffit brackets/dentils be continued all around the home, removing the freeze boards from the rear elevation plans. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Dozen Distinctive Destinations (National Trust)

The Board discussed pursuing the Dozen Distinctive Destinations designation from the National Trust. The Board recommended pursuing the 2011 designation by working with the CVB in 2010 on submitting an application.

Maxwell Façade Easement Construction Work

Staff notified the Board about two activities at the Maxwell façade project. The owners had requested to paint the façade rather than remove the existing paint, citing difficulty in paint removal due to the wire-cut finish of the brick. Staff noted that this is an acceptable treatment per preservation guidelines, but by the parameters of the

easement program, paint removal could be required. The Board recommended that all feasible options for paint removal be considered prior to painting of the façade.

The other request by the owners was to use steel panels instead of wood for kick plates under the storefront windows. The board said this would be acceptable as long as the kick plates were designed in their original appearance.

Updates

Staff provided following updates:

- Preservation Awards Status – There will be a presentation at City Council in September to present these awards
- 315 W 9th Street – Notified the board that the Section 11.1 review and 90-day waiting period had both ended and that the demolition permit could go forward.
- Historic Façade Easement Plaque Revisions – Notified the Board that the final revisions had been made and the plaques ordered.
- Signs at Rock Island Depot – Notified the Board that two historic signs for the building had been found and were to be re-placed on the building.

Other / Open Discussion

- There was discussion on what additional action the Board can take when there is significant opposition to a project. Board members suggested additional educational efforts as well as stronger public notification of projects as future efforts.
- Discussion about the school district's policy on distribution of materials, as the Board had previously distributed materials to schools. It was noted that the district revised its policy to allow materials from governmental entities. It was also mentioned that materials from the National Park Service could be distributed as well, including supplemental materials for teachers. It was suggested that another photo scavenger hunt be arranged.
- The Old Courthouse and Warehouse District is being featured in a new video by the City's Media department.
- Notice that a PBS program will be airing featuring the archeological site of Fort James near Mitchell, which Kevin Gansz and Austin Buhta were involved with.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Buhta at 5:05.