

MINUTES
BLOOMINGTON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING,
THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2014, 5:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
109 E. OLIVE ST., BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Williams, Mr. Elterich, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Graehling, Mr. Westerhout

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Greene, Mr. Durham
OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Woolard, City Planner

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Williams called the meeting to order at 5:02 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Woolard called the roll.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES: The commissioners reviewed the minutes from the March 20, 2014 meeting and had no changes to such. Mr. Elterich moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Westerhout seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 5-0.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Case BHP-05-14. Review of petition submitted by Joseph Strano and Janine Toth requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for roof restoration work for the house located at 2 White Place in the White Place National Register Historic District.

Mr. Williams introduced the case. Mr. Woolard stated this project is similar to other projects completed on this house. Renascence Roofing is doing the work with the intent of removing the tile, repair the roof and reinstall the tile. If there is some tile that need replaced, they have a small supply to replace. Staff supports this roof restoration work.

Ms. Janine Toth, applicant and owner of 2 White Place, stated that the area of repair is located on the South facing roof. This area is different than any other previous request.

Mr. Kennedy moved to approve Case BHP-05-14 with Ms. Graehling seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0.

Case BHP-06-14. Review of the application submitted by Joseph Strano and Janine Toth requesting an up to \$2500.00 Eugene D. Funk, Jr. Historic Preservation Grant for roof restoration work for the house located at 2 White Place in the White Place National Register Historic District.

Mr. Williams introduced the case. Mr. Woolard stated that staff supports this case. Mr. Woolard referred to the proposal submitted by Renaissance Roofing Inc. for the \$9500 quote and description. Ms. Toth stated that Renaissance Roofing is out of Rockford as there is not a local contractor who could perform this type of repair.

A discussion ensued regarding grant fund availability. The current request is pending upon the city funding of the grant in the 2015 fiscal year. Mr. Woolard stated that these funds are coming out of the 2015 fiscal year.

Mr. Kennedy moved to approve Case BHP-06-14 as requested contingent upon the City Council funding the grant. The motion was seconded by Mr. Westerhout and passed by a vote of 5-0.

Case BHP-05-13. Review of request submitted by Tara Henry requesting an extension of the Eugene D. Funk, Jr. Historic Preservation Grant for the front and west porches and windows for the Adlai E. Stevenson II House, 1900, Arthur L. Pillsbury designated site on the National Register of Historic Places, 1974, located at 1316 East Washington Street.

Mr. Williams introduced the case. Ms. Tara Henry, 1316 E Washington Street, stated the grant was approved last Spring, however the work had not been approved by Landmarks Illinois, who owns a facade easement on the property. Once they approved the work, the painter stated that by the time the carpentry work was completed, it would be too cold to paint. So they agreed to place this project as number one on this year's schedule. The carpentry work was completed in April. The painter now requires at least five nights of 50 degrees or above before he will begin the project. Ms. Henry showed photos of the completed carpentry work and stated the anticipated competition date is May instead of April.

Mr. Westerhout moved to approve Case BHP-05-13 to extend the funk grant through August 15, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy and passed by a vote of 4-0. Mr. Williams abstained.

Mr. Elterich moved to have Mr. Kennedy acting Chairman for the next case. Mr. Westerhout seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Case BHP-07-14 Review of petition submitted by Brad Williams requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for a new roof for the Augustus Elbe house, 1882, Victorian Era Queen Anne Cross Gable style located at 702 East Grove in the East Grove National Register Historic District.

Mr. Kennedy introduced the case. Mr. Woolard stated the proposed work is for the roof and the new roof would appear the same as what is already there. Since this is an asphalt roof, it would not qualify for a grant. He said staff supports the request.

Mr. Williams, 613 East Grove, petitioner and owner of 702 East Grove stated the repair is located on the North East corner of the roof. There are two hidden valleys which are not visible from the street. This includes a dormer. The high end, 130 mph, shingle is meant to match the slate on the tower. A similar material is currently in place so this would be a replacement of like for like. Mr. Williams is placing all copper valleys within the repair area. He is going to remove all of the wood shingles on the bottom of the dormer which will be flashed in just like brand new. There will be no appearance difference when finished.

Mr. Elterich moved to approve Case BHP-07-14. The motion was seconded by Ms. Graehling and passed by a vote of 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A discussion regarding term limits and the effect on the commission makeup ensued. Mr. Levi Sturgeon will be replacing Mr. Greene. Mr. Kennedy inquired if the preferred mix of members was being addressed with the replacements. Mr. Greene represented the realtor and builder sectors while Mr. Durham is an architect. Mr. Woolard acknowledged the balance of experience is important.

NEW BUSINESS:

The review of the Eugene D. Funk Grant criteria was discussed with regard to painting, funding, history of approved cases, paint/stain, percentage of the building to be painted and how the language was articulated to place the priority on the best use of the grant money.

Mr. Elterich moved to approve the grant language as written in paragraph 4. The motion was seconded by Mr. Westerhout and passed by a vote of 4-1.

Mr. Williams stated that he received a complaint regarding changes at the Dodson-Stevenson House, Italianate Style, 1869, located at 901 N. McLean and 402 E. Chestnut in the Franklin Square National Historic District. The original front door facing South on Chestnut has been replaced with a 1970's door with small raised panels.

Mr. Williams stated that the City of Bloomington may have made an error when using CDBG funds, when the White Place District house which is on the National Register and on Clinton Boulevard was torn down. Mr. Woolard stated that this was not zoned with S-4. Mr. Williams stated that many were asked by the city if they would purchase this structure, however the house was in terrible disrepair by that time.

A discussion on the timing and prioritizing of grant moneys ensued.

Mr. Elterich stated that the Darrah House remains vacant and the Chase Bank now owns it.

Ms. Graehling stated work was observed going forward on the Justus-Pearson East Washington Street.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Westerhout made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Woolard, City Planner

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