HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PLATTEVILLE



MINUTES

TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL – 75 N. BONSON STREET

MEMBERS PRESENT: Beth Frieders, Ken Kilian, Garrison Ledbury, Paul Soderblom

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Garry Prohaska MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Albees ALTERNATES ABSENT: Tracey Roberts STAFF PRESENT: Ric Riniker, Joe Carroll

OTHERS PRESENT: None

Call to Order

Chairman Kilian called the meeting to order at 5:11 pm.

Approval of Minutes – June 20, 2023

Motion by Prohaska to approve the minutes. Second by Frieders. Motion approved.

Action Items

a. Potential CLG Grant Submittal

The commission discussed submitting an application that would continue the efforts to have individual properties listed that were considered eligible in the architectural survey. Carroll sent a letter to the property owners to determine their interest and received a response from the owners of the property at 1050 N. Second Street indicating they are interested in pursuing designation. No other property owner has indicated an interest at this time. A couple of the properties are in the process of being sold. Future owners may be interested.

Prohaska reached out to the real estate agent to pass on the information. He also contacted the owner of the gas station on Chestnut Street and provided information related to listing. The state confirmed that the owners need to be in favor of the nomination, or they won't pursue the designation. Pursuing another survey may be an option, possibly to include newer properties.

Frieders mentioned that waiting a year may provide more opportunities for other properties. It may not be worthwhile to pursue the grant for one property.

Soderblom stated that he would be interested in having his house listed. It wasn't identified as being eligible in the survey, but it was included in the survey.

Kilian has a property that may be eligible, but more research needs to be completed. He is also interested in having the property listed.

Consensus was to pursue a grant to include any properties where the owners have indicated they are interested before the deadline.

Motion by Prohaska to pursue the grant application. Second by Ledbury. Motion approved.

b. Remove Historic Easement - 335 Division Street

At the June 20th meeting the Commission approved the paving of the driveway and parking area on this property. There was consensus that, due to all the modifications that have been made to the building and property, the property should no longer be considered contributing to the district. Staff would like input from the Commission regarding the potential removal of the historic easement that is in place for this property.

Prohaska contacted the State for information and advice. He provided updated pictures of the property to them to update the files. They suggested not modifying the designation of the property within the district. That process is complicated and can impact the district itself. The property would no longer be considered eligible for tax credits.

Riniker contacted the property owner regarding removal of the easement. The owner is in favor of removing the easement.

<u>Motion</u> by Soderblom to approve removing the easement. Second by Ledbury. Motion approved 3-0 (Kilian and Prohaska did not vote).

Discussion Items

a. Indian Park Signage – No information provided. This will be on the next agenda.

Citizen Comments

None

Announcements/Upcoming Items

Frieders has a conflict with the normal meeting time in the fall. Consensus was to move the meetings to the third Thursday at 6:00 p.m. from September through November.

Next Meeting Date If needed, the next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Frieders to adjourn. Second by Prohaska. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned 6:12 p.m.

Joe Carroll, Community Development Director

Date Approved