

## MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL – 75 N. BONSON STREET

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

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Garry Prohaska

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Albees

ALTERNATES ABSENT: Tracey Roberts

STAFF PRESENT: Ric Riniker, Joe Carroll

OTHERS PRESENT: Myron Tranel

### Call to Order

Chairman Kilian called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

### Approval of Minutes – September 21, 2023

Motion by Frieders to approve the minutes. Second by Soderblom. Prohaska mentioned that he was excused for medical reasons. Motion approved.

### Action Items

- a. Certificate of Appropriateness – 155 W. Main Street

The applicant will be purchasing the property and would like to do some extensive remodeling. The floor in the front portion of the building is rotten and needs to be removed. This portion of the building was added later to the main building. The applicant would like to remove the front portion of the building and reinstall a new front wall. They also have some concerns with the condition of the west and south walls of the building, so they would like to remove the siding and do some investigation regarding the integrity of the wall.

The desire is to remove the metal siding and install new metal on the west wall and south walls, the color will be similar to the siding on the adjacent building to the east. The front of the building will be removed back to the original building, where the roof slopes to the west. The new front will have a picture window like it does now, and a front door like now. They would include some brick on the front similar to the adjacent building to the east.

The consensus of the Commission is that they are okay with the removal of the siding and the removal of the front of the building, but they would like to see a sketch, material samples, or other additional information before the front is finished.

Motion by Frieders to approve the requested demolition but the applicant should submit the details on the front before it is finalized. Second by Soderblom. Motion approved.

- b. CLG Grant Application

The Wisconsin Historic Preservation Office has informed Staff that they have some concerns with the grant application as submitted. Two of the properties do not appear to be eligible for listing and are not eligible for grant assistance. They are suggesting we remove the properties at 560 N. Court Street and 790 S. Court Street from the application. The application is due on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Soderblom commented that he had concerns with some of the comments in the email from the State. Specifically, the comment that the property at 560 N. Court is not "exceptional". The point of historic preservation is not to just preserve exceptional buildings, but to also include buildings that exemplify the history of a community and the people that live there. If we only preserve exceptional and unique buildings, then we don't have an accurate perspective on the history of the community.

Kilian also had issues with the comment that neither property is mentioned in the 2005 survey. He pointed out a few areas where the properties were mentioned. He also has issues with the comments regarding the integrity concerns with the building on S. Court Street. He has been doing work over the years to restore the building to its original state and has based work on similar buildings in Mineral Point. All the materials used have been necessary to replace and have been appropriate for the building.

Motion by Soderblom to proceed with the grant application with only the two properties that are considered eligible for designation. Second by Prohaska. Motion approved.

#### **Discussion Items**

- a. Wisconsin Historical Society Conference Update

Riniker and Prohaska both attended the conference, which was held in La Crosse in October. Prohaska has some information to present, but there isn't time tonight.

This will be on the next agenda.

#### **Citizen Comments**

None

#### **Announcements/Upcoming Items**

Prohaska has additional information he would like the Commission to discuss at future meetings – additional grant opportunities, training opportunities, additional conference information, etc.

**Next Meeting Date** If needed, the next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Adjourn**

Motion by Prohaska to adjourn. Second by Frieders. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned 7:16 p.m.

  
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Joe Carroll, Community Development Director

1/16/2024  
Date Approved