

MINUTES
OF
MOUNT VERNON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Tuesday, June 21, 2016

The Historic Preservation Commission met on Tuesday, June 21, 2016. Commission members present included Leah Rogers, Mary Evans, Carine Klein, Susan Hargas, Hugh Lifson, Janet Budack, Paul Waelschli and Guy Booth. Also in attendance as a guest was Stan Crocker.

The first item of business was a request for design review from Cornell College. A portion of the roof on the Commons Building had deteriorated and a portion needed to be torn off and replaced. The plan was to use roofing material for the flat roof that is compatible with the remainder of the building. This is a tear-off and repair project that is not observable from the ground. Hugh Lifson moved to approve the request as having no material effect on the historic district. Paul Waelschli seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Leah Rogers also continued the discussion on the two brick houses that Cornell desires to have demolished. The architect hired by HPC has had an opportunity to examine both structures and is preparing a written report. It appears that the condition of the houses may not be as dire as reported at the previous meeting. Leah will contact the house mover that has given an opinion to Cornell College to determine what problems the mover has discovered, and how the houses could be moved if the support suggested by the HPC architect is undertaken. The questions that are to be asked are: 1) are the houses able to be moved; 2) where on the Cornell Campus could they be placed; 3) is HPC able to assist Cornell with funding from grants to defray the costs of saving the houses and moving them?

Leah also indicated that if the houses are to be moved, we will need to have input from the state historic preservation office. We will continue to review this matter when Joel Miller is back in town and is able to provide additional information.

Hugh Lifson reported that the dedication for the Mickey Woods mural will probably take place during the Lincoln Highway Arts Festival, which will take place September 24. Hugh will provide information closer to the event. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Guy Booth, Secretary