

MINUTES
OF
MOUNT VERNON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Monday, July 8, 2013

The Historic Preservation Commission met on Monday, July 8, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Dick Thomas. Present were Dick Thomas, Pat Westerkamp, Skip Clark, Ed Sauter, Sarah Kelly, Janet Budack and Guy Booth.

The meeting agenda contained two design review issues.

The first design review concerns the new sign for Chameleons. There had been a pre-design review meeting earlier this year. The changes that have been made include making the sign smaller than the original proposal, and locating the sign so it meets with all of the height regulations of the ordinance. The Mount Vernon Zoning Administrator has approved the sign and its location. After discussion of the sign, Sarah Kelly moved approval of a certificate of appropriateness for the sign. The motion was seconded by Pat Westerkamp. The motion passed unanimously.

The second design review item relates to the ground floor windows of the Stoner Building. One of the windows has cracked, presumably because of minor settling of the building. The owner would like to replace the windows to add to the energy efficiency of the building. The proposal is to have the windows have a dark anodized aluminum frame. The frame would be dark brown, which is consistent with the historic windows in the building. The size of the windows would be very similar. Questions arose regarding the column that may be needed to stabilize the windows. The Commission would like to have more detailed information, including a diagram of the building and how it will appear with the replacement windows. Motion was made by Ed Sauter, seconded by Janet Budack to table the design review request until additional information is made available by the owner. The motion passed unanimously.

Janet Budack reported that she has met with the Mount Vernon City Administrator, who suggested that the costs of the cemetery project should fit within the city budget, and suggested that it be requested for the next fiscal year. The Commission will discuss this further at a future meeting.

The Commission also discussed the timing for a seminar on preserving instead of replacing windows. It appears the timing for this could be in September or October. No decision was made as to the date or location of the seminar.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Guy Booth, Secretary