

MINUTES
OF
MOUNT VERNON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, August 5, 2015

I. Call to Order. The Historic Preservation Commission met on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. Commission members present included Sarah Kelly, Dick Thomas, Mary Evans, Pat Westercamp, Ed Sauter. Leah Rogers submitted votes via telephone call.

II. Design Review. Two projects were scheduled for design review.

105 1st St NW – Right Frame of Mind. This is a revision to a prior certificate granted. The modification is the addition of a short (3' +/-) retaining wall that extends 9' back and 3' out from the adjacent structure. The wall will be constructed of either limestone or concrete block similar to other City projects (1st St and Lisbon Road and along 8th Avenue NW). After discussion and review a motion was made to approve a Certificate of No Material Effect for the project. Approval was unanimous.

107 1st St NW – Mount Vernon Insurance. The owner plans to upgrade and improve the existing landscape and drainage to the north (rear) of the building. The slope will be modified to drain more water to the north instead of behind the adjacent buildings. The driving surface will have new gravel and the embankment between the drive and public parking will receive new ground cover. After discussion and review a motion was made to approve a Certificate of No Material Effect for the project. Approval was unanimous.

III. Discussion ensued regarding access to the rear of structures and plans for Dale Broulik to extend a driveway from the parking area to the rear lower level of his structure. There was insufficient information and no formal application so no decision was reached regarding the Broulik property (Czech Feather and Down). The commission would like to see details of any retaining wall and modifications. The recommendation of the commission is that any retaining walls be constructed of either limestone blocks or concrete masonry units such as those used by the City as mentioned above.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Sauter, Acting Co-Chair