

MINUTES
OF
MOUNT VERNON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
November 3, 2018

The Historic Preservation Commission met on November 3, 2018. Members present were Leah Rogers, Suzette Astley, Hugh Lifson, Caroline Kelly, Sue Hargus, Patti Westercamp, Robert Murphy, and Guy Booth. Upon motion made and carried, the Minutes of the October 6, 2018 meeting were approved.

A pre-review request has been made by Jason Pierce, who resides at 605 7th Ave. NW. This is in the Ash Park District. Jason had photos of his home and discussed repairs that need to be made to the porch. The porch is a brick porch with columns. The porch is separating from the house and he is interested in doing a renovation that removes the brick and rebuilds the porch. It was noted this is not an original porch with the house. The Commission gave some suggestions as to what is appropriate. Jason has done good research on the house and on the type of porch that will be appropriate for the age of the house. He will submit plans as he gets closer to final decisions on the renovation project.

There are two open vacancies on the Commission. Machele Pelkey and Peter Ault have both filed applications to be on the Commission. Both were present and gave their background and their interest in being on the Commission. Machele has been involved in the restoration of historic property in the past. She lives in one of the brick houses that is currently being part of the nomination process for the National Register. Peter Ault has been involved in many construction projects dealing with historic preservation. Peter owns a building at 120 1st St. SW in the Commercial Historic District. Machele's property is at 600 1st Ave. SE, and is one of the historic brick houses in the community. Both are eager to be on the Commission, and will bring good experience to the Commission. Upon motion made by Hugh Lifson and seconded by Caroline Kelly, the Commission recommends the applicants for appointment by the Mayor and City Council.

Caroline Kelly reported on work that she is doing on the brochure for the brick house tour that will be scheduled for next year. She would like to get additional archival information about each of the houses. It was suggested she work with Mary Evans to get information from the Commission's archives.

Under old business, Hugh Lifson asked about progress on getting photos of the civil war houses placed in the new Science building. It is believed the college is working on the design of that project. It was also reported that Cornell is not interested in having our Commission take possession of the Mount Vernon archival material that is currently at the library. They are willing to make copies of anything.

Mary Evans told Leah about the Mount Vernon High School freshman class Mount Vernon history project. There were a number of projects that dealt specifically with properties, including 224 1st St. SW, the old railroad station, the 1st Street community building, as well as interviews with several townspeople. Mary will be able to get the videos of each project and determine if some should be placed in to our archives, and on the website. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 so members could meet Jeff Streitz at King Chapel to get a tour of the clock tower.

Leah will send out notice as to the next scheduled meeting of the Commission.

Respectfully Submitted,

Guy Booth, Secretary