

MINUTES
OF
MOUNT VERNON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Thursday, May 31, 2018

The Historic Preservation Commission met on May 31, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Mount Vernon City Hall. Members present were Leah Rogers, Ed Sauter, Janet Budack, Robert Murphy, Patty Westerkamp, Susan Hargus, Suzette Astley, Mary Evans, and Guy Booth.

The Minutes of April 28, 2018 were presented for approval. Upon motion made and seconded, the Minutes were approved.

There are several design review items on the agenda. The first is a request for a certificate of no material effect regarding placement of solar panels on the roof of the house of Susan Hargus and Stan Crocker located at 323 10th Ave. SW, Mount Vernon. The property is in the Cornell College Historic District. The solar panels will be placed on the roof on the side of the house facing west, which is the side facing away from the street. The panels will not be visible from the street, and will be difficult to observe from any other angle as the location of the house is on the crest of a hill. Upon motion made by Ed Sauter and seconded by Janet Budack, the motion for approval of the request as having no material effect was approved.

The second request for the same property relates to the reconstruction and minimal expansion of the back porch area. The current porch needs repair work, so during the repair and replacement project, the square footage of the porch will be increased. The visible change will be the increase in size of the porch and the addition of a railing along the porch. Upon motion made by Patty Westerkamp, seconded by Caroline Kelly, the motion for certificate of appropriateness was approved.

In each of the two motions regarding the Hargus/Crocker property, Susan Hargus abstained from the vote.

The third request for design review has been made by Brandy Sewell, whose property is located at 616 6th Ave. NW, Mount Vernon, IA 52314. This property is located in the Ash Park Historic District. The request is for roof replacement. The application indicates that the house needs to be re-roofed. The roof will be ABS architectural shingles that are green in color. This will match the shingles that are currently on the house. There are no other required changes to the roof, or to the fascia. Upon motion by Ed Sauter, seconded by Suzette Astley, a certificate of no material effect is approved.

Under old business, Leah gave an update on the brick house grant program. Some of the properties have completed the abstracting work, but the remainder still need to be completed. This is a priority item for moving the project ahead. All of the exterior pictures of the structures have been taken. The interior pictures will be scheduled in the near future.

Mary Evans gave a report on the work of the summer interns. The interns have been working on various items, including research on the houses that are in the brick house grant program, working on archives, and working on projects for the website. All of the interns are doing a great job and have been very helpful to the projects they have been assigned.

Mary Evans indicates that the renovation work that is being done in the Broulik property, which is being renovated to have a wine tasting/wine bar added in the lower level, has uncovered a mural along one wall. It is believed the mural was painted in the early 1970's by Joan Kent. Joan was an artist living in Mount Vernon at the time. The mural is painted onto the plaster wall, so there is some concern about how it can be saved. The contractor is going to inquire from others who may have expertise in saving as much of the mural as possible. The mural was part of the décor at the tavern known as "The General," which was owned by Bill Ellison. The mural contained local scenes, and is believed to have some local residents depicted in the scenes. The pictures that have been taken of the mural are extremely interesting.

This meeting followed the awards ceremony that was scheduled for 4:30 today. As part of historic preservation month, a number of properties were nominated for the care and repair that has been done over the past couple of years. A power point display which had been prepared by Hugh Lifson was shown to identify each of the properties. Patty Westerkamp was instrumental in setting up the program and organizing the refreshments. Others contributed to the success of the program. A list of the award winners for 2018 are attached as part of the Minutes of this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Guy Booth, Secretary

HOUSE AWARDS Patty removed Steins, they got an award before. She added Steve Maurice. Any Owners with just a last name, should be Mr And Mrs.

219 3 rd Ave NW	Amanda Norton	
409 4 th St NW	Richard Fordyce	
7421 6 th St NW	Rene Holmes-Leopold	
702 6 th Ave NW	Stephen and Tiffany Carr	
723 1 st St NW	Platner House Cornell	
413 2 nd Street SW	Marty Christensen	
418 2 nd st SW	Brackett House, Cornell	
301 1 st Ave SW	Carolyn Wellso	
117 5 th Ave NW	Robert Murphy	Garage
202 1 st St East	Charles Kroemer	Garage
314 4 th Ave SW	Eric and Kim Siggins	Kitchen Addition
Student Union	Cornell	
Presidents House	Cornell	
514 1 st St	Paul, Sondra Meyers	Gathering House B&B
318 2 nd Ave NW	David Osterberg	Porch,paint
117 3 rd Ave NW	Michael and Stefanie Bray	Carriage House, Paint
424 2 nd St NW	Martha Lane	Glass porch
116 2 nd Ave SW	Nightshift LLC	Total rehab
311 4 th Ave SW	Stan Bedker	
313 4 TH SW	Andrew La Follette	Room above garage

501 10 th Ave SW HOUSE AWARDS CONTD.	Paul Armstrong	New siding and Porch
616 3 rd Ave NW	Duane & Jean Eash	Paint
218 2 ND Ave NW	Mr & Mrs Micheel	Paint
311 A Ave SE	Barbara Helmrich	New Porch, Paint
615 3 rd AveNW	Chris,Connie Stoltz	Addition to barn
217 5 th st NW	Leah Rogers	Paint/windows
406 2 nd st SW	Mr/Mrs Westhoff	Paint
119 1 st st NW	Chameleons/Paul Jerabek(1305 Ink Rd NW)	
703 6 th Ave NW	Steins	Garage
213 3 rd st SW	Craig Sell	
418 4 th Ave NW	Hinrichs	
320 W College B SW	Clute	
312 3 rd st NW	Berner	
412 3 rd st NW	Pratt	
203 2 nd st SE	Cannon	
208 A Ave SE	Deiningner	
218 2 nd st SE	Hurst	
417 A Ave SE	Richardson M & S	
116 10 th Ave SW	Woosley	
308 5 th Ave NW	Hanson	
600 1 st Ave SE	Pelkey	
509 2 nd Ave SW	Swenson	
302 4 th st SW	Nancy Hayes	
411 2 nd st NW	Schofer	
210 1 st st SE	Jarr LLC	
213 1 st Ave SW	Steigerwald, Matt/Michelle Mouton	