

MINUTES
OF
MOUNT VERNON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
June 9, 2018

The Historic Preservation Commission met on June 9, 2018. Members present were Leah Rogers, Ed Sauter, Sara Kelly, Robert Murphy, Janet Budack, Mary Evans, Susan Hargus, and Guy Booth.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The agenda item for this meeting was an application for design review filed by Scott Klug, who owns the property in the Cornell Historic District at 400 1st St. SW. This is an apartment building with a mansard roof. Mr. Klug's building permit is requesting the re-shingling of the mansard roof. The application was unclear as to the color of shingles to be used on the mansard roof. A call was made to Mr. Klug and he explained that the shingles would be a slate gray color. This would be similar to the color of the roof at this time. A portion of the building was repainted last year, and Mr. Klug desires to continue the painting of the building. This is a brick structure, but in its history, the building has been painted, and he will continue with the process. Upon motion made by Ed Sauter, seconded by Janet Budack, a Certificate of Appropriateness for the project was approved.

Leah indicates that the Brick House Project to put properties on the National Register has run into a problem regarding abstracts. A number of the abstracts are 40-year abstracts, rather than the abstract from the original patent date. The problem with this is that it is difficult to ascertain the train of ownership of the property, as well as determining when the building was originally constructed. Because of the delay in being able to determine this information, we will not be able to meet the deadline for presentation that was originally anticipated. We will request an extension of time and hope to have this portion of the project completed by early fall.

Leah mentioned that there is a new application for a building permit that has come to City Hall. This will require a meeting for design review. It was suggested by Mary Evans that we look at a mid-month contingent meeting day so people are able to keep a date open if at all possible. It was suggested that the third Tuesday of the month, or some other date that would be halfway between our normal first of the month Saturday meeting date could be set aside in the event new applications come in. This would mean meetings could be held with not more than a two-week delay. Leah indicates she will put some language together to establish the alternate meeting date so it can be part of our normal scheduling process.

Mary Evans indicates that several people have contacted her regarding the donation of artifacts and photographs of historic interest. She feels the recent session the commission had honoring people for the historic preservation of properties has contributed to this interest. Mary will continue to monitor the items that are being offered and will determine the best way to review the material and to have it sent to the appropriate site, or if it is not suitable for the commission, to decline to accept it with a statement as to why it is not an artifact or documents that we would be able to fit into our archival space.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Guy Booth, Secretary