

MINUTES  
OF  
MOUNT VERNON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
September 18, 2018

The Historic Preservation Commission met on September 18, 2018. Members present were Mary Evans, Patty Westerkamp, Suzette Astley, Caroline Kelly, Susan Hargus, Leah Rogers, and Guy Booth. Two design review items were on the agenda for this afternoon.

The first design review came from a request of Jenny Besler, who resides at 715 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW, Mount Vernon. Ms. Besler has requested a building permit to put in a fence on her property. The fence will be a black vinyl chain link fence that would be approximately 131 feet in length. The fence will surround a portion of the house. In keeping with previously requested fence applications, it was determined that the request is appropriate. Upon motion made by Sue Astley, and seconded by Sue Hargus, it was moved that the application for the installation of the fence would have no material effect. The motion passed unanimously.

The second design review request came from Cornell College. Their request was for placing signs on the new Russell Science Center. The sign will identify the building. The sign will be in grain finish aluminum letters that will be attached to the building on the north side, and on the retaining wall on the south side. The signs will identify the building, and the signs fit within the sign usage on the Cornell campus. Upon motion made by Sue Astley, seconded by Caroline Kelly, the application for approval of the sign permit was approved as having no material effect on the historic nature of the property. The motion passed unanimously.

Because the City zoning department has determined that the county building department will be the place where building permits need to be submitted in the future, the Historic Preservation Commission will need to determine what the timing will be and how information regarding requested building permits will be presented to HPC. The transfer of the location for requesting building permits to the Linn County Planning and Zoning Department will begin November 1, 2018. We will need to determine the timing involved in requesting and receiving information about building permits, so when they need to come before HPC, it can be done in a timely manner.

Caroline Kelly indicated that the brick house tour that she was putting together for the fall of 2018 is going to be postponed until the fall of 2019. There have been some difficulties in getting the requisite number of brick homes to open their doors to the tour. Caroline will keep working on the project for the following year.

Leah reported that Hugh Lifson is in the process of lining up a tour of the clock tower at King Chapel. There was discussion as to what is the best time in which to take the tour. Should this be done this fall, or should we wait until the clock is reinstalled? Hugh will continue to work on this project.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Guy Booth, Secretary