

**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES, IL
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2011
COUNCIL COMMITTEE ROOM**

Members Present: Chairman Smunt, Bobowiec, Prestidge, Pretz

Members Absent: Weals, Norris, Withey

Also Present: Russell Colby, Planner
Michelle Taubensee, Recording Secretary

1. Call to order.

Chairman Smunt called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Approval of agenda.

Chairman Smunt added the following to the agenda under Additional Business:

7a) Discussion – exterior color selection

Amendment to the agenda was unanimously approved and accepted.

3. Presentation of minutes of the March 23, 2011 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Bobowiec and seconded by Mr. Prestidge with a unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes as presented.

Note: item (4) was discussed later in the meeting because the Commission was advised the applicant would be arriving late.

5. COA: 11 N 3rd Street (storefront repair).

Mr. Colby briefly summarized the proposed work. A vehicle drove into the front of the restaurant and damaged the front wall, door and window; the window is the same size as the window to the right of the door. The proposal is to repair the storefront back to the way it was previously using the same materials.

Diane Parker, property manager, was present for the meeting. Ms. Parker advised that the door is complete. The door width was enlarged to meet the accessibility code. Mr. Colby advised that the permit was authorized in order to start the work. Chairman Smunt

commented that there were no major architectural changes and the building is non-contributing.

A motion was made by Mr. Prestidge and seconded by Mr. Pretz with a unanimous voice vote to approve the COA as presented.

6. Announcements: Historic Preservation Commission meeting Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Committee Room.

7. Additional Business.

7a) Discussion – exterior color selection:

Chairman Smunt briefly discussed advisory materials for exterior color selections. He acknowledged that the Commission does not regulate color selections, however, it might be beneficial to have materials available for residents. The materials would be used to educate residents on which colors are historically correct and where colors should be used.

There are also materials available at the public library. Chairman Smunt noted (2) books, “Century of Color” and “Exterior Victorian Colors” both written by Moss.

Mr. Colby agreed that the materials would be beneficial.

7b) Discussion – emergency projects:

Mr. Bobowiec suggested that emergency projects, such as the Thai Zie restaurant, be approved under Administrative Approval. Mr. Colby explained that authorization was given to issue the building permit prior to formal approval of the COA. Mr. Colby suggested that instances such as this could be considered for Administrative Approval so as not to delay the project. Chairman Smunt agreed that damage resulting from disasters could be approved administratively in specific instances where like-in-kind materials are used. It was clarified that “like-in-kind” materials are currently approved in very specific instances, but projects requiring reconstruction are not included. Chairman Smunt suggested that projects due to a disaster be added to the exception list. Mr. Colby questioned if any issues would come about if the building were contributing, but Chairman Smunt indicated that only like-in-kind materials would be approved and only reconstruction of exactly what was existing.

4. COA: 218 Illinois Avenue (fence).

The property owner, Curt Barrett, was not present for the meeting. The Commission agreed to move forward with reviewing the application. Mr. Colby advised the Commission of information in the executive summary that was not included on the application. Square or rectangular aluminum balusters will be used, the wood will be

cedar and the posts will be 6x6 with the high caps that are shown and will be 6-8 feet apart.

Chairman Smunt commented that the fence is in keeping with the craftsman style. Mr. Bobowiec noted that the fence will have aluminum bronze or black balusters. Mr. Colby advised that the rest of the fence would be cedar and the top and bottom rail would have a similar look to a curved handrail. There was brief discussion on fence posthole requirements.

Commissioners agreed that the fence is acceptable based on the information provided.

A motion was made by Mr. Prestidge and seconded by Mr. Bobowiec with a unanimous voice vote to approve the COA as presented.

8. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Mr. Prestidge and seconded by Mr. Pretz with a unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting.

With no further discussion, the meeting ended at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Smunt, Chairman
Historic Preservation Commission

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