

**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Dickerson, Malay, Kessler, Smunt

Members Absent: Kramer, Pretz, Rice

Also Present: Rachel Hitzemann, Planner
Cindy Kaleta, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order

Chairman Malay called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Ms. Hitzemann called roll with four members present. There was a quorum.

3. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Smunt requested adding an updated status for the tuckpointing grant on 4th and Illinois Street under #9 Other Commission Business.

A motion was made by Dr. Smunt and seconded by Dr. Dickerson with a unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda

4. Presentation of minutes of the May 18th, 2022 Meeting

A motion was made by Dr. Smunt and seconded by Mr. Kessler, with a voice vote to approve the Minutes of the May 18, 2022 Meeting by Dr. Smunt, Mr. Kessler, and Ms. Malay. Dr. Dickerson abstained.

5. Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) applications

a. 122 S 5th St.

Matt Sweeney, property owner, presented changes in proposal, dropping the proposal to install aluminum soffit panel over wood soffit and dropping replacing the kitchen window with larger window. The third request on original proposal was to change the bathroom window. Mr. Sweeney presented a fiberglass window option with an inswing due to the current storm window that will remain on the house.

A motion was made by Dr. Dickerson and seconded by Dr. Smunt with a unanimous voice vote to approve COA for window replacement as presented.

b. 500 Cedar St.

Scott and Christine Okesson, property owners, presented proposal to install a cedar pergola at their home at 500 Cedar Street.

A motion was made by Mr. Kessler and seconded by Dr. Smunt with a unanimous voice vote to approve COA as presented.

c. 215 W Main St.

Rachel Hitzemann, City Planner, presented proposal to remove several windows and an overhead door. Several windows will be filled in with masonry material, others will be replaced with vinyl double hung windows and door at 215 W. Main Street.

Commission commented there was no information provided on the door and no elevations provided.

A motion was made by Dr. Smunt to table vote until property owner presents information on the new door and elevation drawing of new windows and door. Motion was seconded by Dr. Dickerson.

d. 114 S. 6th St.

Marcus Picket, property owner's contractor, presented proposal to replace the aluminum siding with vinyl siding and install 8" white frieze board.

A motion was made by Dr. Smunt and seconded by Dr. Dickerson with a unanimous voice vote to recommend approval of COA with condition that frieze boards be used under all eaves and 4" corner boards be used at the corners of house where sidings meet.

6. Grant Applications

None

7. Landmark Applications

None

8. Preliminary Reviews- Open forum for questions or presentation of preliminary concepts to the Commission for feedback

John Bush had presented a COA for brick patio or driveway for the back of 221 W Main and 219 W Main that is currently under review by the city.

Mr. Bush had submitted 4 COAs on day of meeting, June 1.

- 219 W Main roof replacement.
- Back of buildings of 219 and 221 W Main are in need of repair. Painting will be done.
- 219 W Main would like to paint the green trim and brown door black. Upper portion of façade, gable and trim paint black.
221 W Main would like to paint building white and trim black. Stone inserts above windows will not be painted.
- Fence for back of buildings.

9. Other Commission Business

Dr. Smunt asked for a status of the tuckpointing on the home on Illinois and 4th. Ms. Hitzemann reported she has reached out to the homeowner and sent pictures of the mismatched tuckpointing but has not heard back from homeowner as of the meeting.

10. Public Comment

Al Watts, Preservation Partners of the Fox Valley, reached out to Landmarks Illinois about a grant to do structural engineering assessment of the Lamp Factory Building.

Discussion began on the Piano Factory Bridge over the river and what could be done to preserve the historic bridge. Mr. Watts advised there are maintenance issues with the bridge. The bridge is taken care of by the City of St. Charles but it is unclear as to who is the owner of the bridge.

Mr. Watts advised, Julie Trevon from Kane County, is working on getting National River Designation for the Fox River. To get the designation cultural significance needs to be shown. The Piano Factory Bridge would fit into the cultural significance as the bridge was built to get the working class population from the east side of the river to the west side of the river.

11. Additional Business and Observations from Commissioners or Staff

None

12. Meeting Announcements: Historic Preservation Commission meeting Wednesday, June 15th, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

13. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.