

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING

URBANA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

APPROVED

DATE: July 14, 2009

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: City Council Chamber, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Dossett, Alice Novak, Trent Shepard, Art Zangerl

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Stuart, Joan Stolz

STAFF PRESENT: Rebecca Bird, Planner; Tony Weck, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Ed Tiedemann, Marie Bohl, Nancy Wehling

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

This special meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Historic Preservation Commission Chair, Alice Novak. Roll was taken and a quorum was declared.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

The Commission reviewed the draft minutes of the May 6, 2009 meeting. Mr. Dossett made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Zangerl seconded the motion. Upon a vote, the Commission unanimously approved the May 6 minutes as presented.

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

5. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was none at this point in the meeting.

6. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

7. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

8. NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **Case #HP 2009-COA-04; Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to Construct a Replacement Courtyard Entrance Arch at Buena Vista Court Historic District**

Ms. Bird presented the staff report for this matter to the Commission. City staff recommended that the Commission grant the application for Certificate of Appropriateness.

Following the staff report, Ms. Novak called for audience input on this case. There was none. Ms. Novak then asked if any of the petitioners wished to address the Commission in regards to this case. Ed Tiedemann, one of the petitioners, addressed the Commission briefly, giving general information on the design of the replacement arch. Input on the design was given by members of the Commission, during which modifications to the foundation of the replacement arch were suggested. Additionally, the possibility of a plaque dedicated to the memory of Buena Vista Court resident Jay Bennett was discussed. There was a general consensus of approval among members of the Commission for the addition of the plaque.

Mr. Dossett made a motion to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness with the suggested modifications to the foundation of the replacement arch, with the allowance for a commemorative plaque, and with the stipulation that any minor changes to the design of the replacement arch were to be presented to the Commission chair and/or the Zoning Administrator. Mr. Zangerl seconded the motion. Following brief further discussion of the case, Ms. Novak called for a vote. Roll was taken and the votes were as follows:

Dossett – yes
Novak – yes
Shepard – yes
Zangerl – yes

The motion carried unanimously and the Commission thus granted the Certificate of Appropriateness for the replacement courtyard entrance arch at the Buena Vista Court Historic District.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

10. MONITORING OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

- Mr. Shepard noted that the property at 801 West Oregon Street was in a bad state of repair. Specifically, he noted that the grass surrounding the house was overgrown, there was trash in the yard, and that the house looked to be vacant and neglected.
- There was a brief discussion regarding the renovation of Lincoln Hall on the University of Illinois campus. The discussion centered upon the preservation of the sculpture in front of the building, given by the Class of 1919.

11. STAFF REPORT

Ms. Bird reported the following to the Commission.

- A Certificate of Appropriateness for a minor works project at 115 West Main Street/Tiernan's Block has been administratively approved.
- Historic landmark plaques have been placed at the Princess Theatre and at #1 Buena Vista Court.
- A third local historic landmark plaque is to be affixed to the Tiernan's Block building downtown.
- The house unveiling on June 13, 2009 at 303 West High Street was a great success. Participation in both removing the aluminum siding and in the house painting seminar were well attended. Preservation consultant, Bob Yapp, provided guidance on siding removal and gave the painting seminar. This demonstration project was made possible by a grant from the state Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

12. STUDY SESSION

There was none.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

14. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mr. Zangerl moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Shepard seconded the motion. With all Commission members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

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