

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021; 5:00 PM

CITY HALL, 226 W 4TH ST, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

A PARTIALLY ELECTRONIC MEETING IS BEING HELD BECAUSE A FULLY "IN PERSON" MEETING IS IMPRACTICAL DUE TO CONCERNS FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF COUNCIL MEMBERS, STAFF, AND THE PUBLIC PRESENTED BY COVID-19, AND TO FOLLOW THE GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION AND THE MAYOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER DIRECTING SOCIAL DISTANCING AND PLACING RESTRICTIONS ON GATHERINGS. IN PERSON ATTENDANCE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC AT ANY CITY OF DAVENPORT PUBLIC MEETING WITHIN ITS FACILITIES SHALL BE LIMITED TO 20 PERSONS.

I. Call to Order

Vice Chairperson McGivern called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present by phone or virtual meeting: Franken, Lesthaeghe, McGivern, Miranda, Powers, Sage, and Wilga.

Staff present: Laura Berkley, Matt Werderitch

II. Secretary's Report

A. Consideration of the March 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Wilga, second by Miranda to approve the March 9, 2021 meeting minutes. Minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote (7-0).

III. Communications

A. Proclamation-Historic Preservation Month

Werderitch stated that May is traditionally Preservation Month across the United States. Many communities throughout the country adopt a proclamation celebrating preservation. The City Council will be issuing a proclamation for May as Preservation Month at their meeting on the 12th.

Chairperson McGivern recommended adding a statement recognizing the dedicated community service of Historic Preservation Commission Chairperson John Frueh and Commissioner Lyn Cochran as well as highlighting recently added structures to the national inventory.

B. RES20-01: Resolution encouraging the consideration of desirability of preserving historic character when considering changes to Davenport's local landmark parks.

Werderitch briefed the Commission on the adoption of Resolution No. 2020-01. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board motioned to “Acknowledge the receipt of the resolution” at their March 2, 2021 meeting. The resolution states that any changes made to a historic park should be guided by the local, state, or national designation and its period of significance, taken from its original application for historical designation and refer to the National Park Service’s Preservation Briefs to guide decisions in making changes to local landmark parks.

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

- A. Case COA21-03: Brick rebuild, tuckpointing, and caulking at 532 West 6th Street. The Hirschel, A.J. and H.O. Seiffert House is located in the Hamburg Local Landmark Historic District. Herold Jestel, petitioner. [Ward 3]

Werderitch introduced the case and the scope of the proposed work. Herold Jestel, petitioner, spoke on behalf of the exterior alteration and answered questions. The Historic Preservation Commission approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for tuckpointing all brick and mortar joints on the chimney on May 12, 2020. Based on the scope of the work and experience from the contractor, B&B Masonry and Restoration, N spec mortar was approved for use in place of a custom mix determined by material testing. Chairperson McGivern stated that since the brick proposed for replacement and tuckpointing is a different color and material than the chimney, a mortar analysis should be conducted and approved by city staff.

A recommendation is made by staff to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness to rebuild, tuckpoint, and caulk brick at 532 West 6th Street, subject to the following condition:

Condition: The existing brick on the south elevation shall be preserved, cleaned, and reused. If the brick on the south elevation wall is to be removed and replaced with new brick, then sample replacement brick shall be reviewed and approved by the Historic Preservation Commission.

The project was reviewed for conformance with the Standards for Review, Chapter 14.01.060C of the Davenport Municipal Code. The project meets the following standards:

1. Every reasonable effort shall be made to make the minimal number of changes necessary to maintain a designated property in a good state of repair, thereby minimizing the impact of the proposed alteration.
2. Deteriorated architectural features should, where possible, be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical or pictorial evidence.
3. Activities that cause deterioration of a designated property and its architectural features shall be discouraged. In those cases where the damage would be

irreversible, such as sand-blasting and wet blasting fire-hardened bricks, the activities shall be prohibited. If cleaning is to be done, the gentlest means possible shall be encouraged.

Motion by Franken, second by Powers to approve staff recommendation for approval of Case COA21-05 with an additional condition that a mortar analysis shall be conducted and approved by City Staff. Motion to approve staff recommendation and the additional condition passed by a roll call vote (7-0).

- B. Case COA21-04 being the request to install a new plaque adjacent to the military tank on Credit Island located at 2200 West River Drive. Timothy Ramsay, petitioner. [Ward 1]

Werderitch offered an overview of the proposed application. Timothy Ramsay presented his Eagle Scout Project to the Commission and answered questions. Chairperson McGivern thanked the Boy Scout for his service to the community. Commissioner comments were supportive of the project.

A recommendation is made by staff to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness to install a plaque adjacent to the military tank on Credit Island per Chapter 14.01.060 of the Davenport Municipal Code.

The project was reviewed for conformance with the Standards for Review, Chapter 14.01.060.C.9 of the Davenport Municipal Code. The Project meets the following standard:

1. New additions and related new construction shall not be discouraged when such improvements do not destroy historic material and such design is compatible with the size, massing, scale, color, materials and character of the property, neighborhood, and district.

Motion by Wilga, second by Lesthaeghe to approve staff recommendation for approval of Case COA21-05. Motion to approve staff recommendation passed by a roll call vote (7-0).

- C. Case COA21-05: Installation of a new roof at 417 West 7th Street. The home is listed as a contributing structure in the Hamburg Local Landmark Historic District. Maria Klein of Green Valley Construction Inc. on behalf of Ryan Slattery, petitioner. [Ward 3]

Werderitch provided an overview of the proposed asphalt shingle roof replacement. There were no additional comments from the applicant or Commission.

Staff recommendation is made to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness to install a new roof at 417 West 7th Street in accordance with the submitted material.

The project was reviewed for conformance with the Standards for Review, Chapter 14.01.060C of the Davenport Municipal Code. The project meets the following standards:

1. Every reasonable effort shall be made to make the minimal number of changes necessary to maintain a designated property in a good state of repair, thereby minimizing the impact of the proposed alteration.
2. Deteriorated architectural features should, where possible, be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical or pictorial evidence.

Motion by Powers, second by Miranda to approve staff recommendation for approval of Case COA21-05. Motion to approve staff recommendation passed by a roll call vote (7-0).

VI. Other Business

VII. Open Forum for Comment

VIII. Adjourn

Motion by Franken, second by Miranda to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by a voice vote (7-0). The meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

IX. Next Commission Meeting: May 11, 2021