Evansville Historic Preservation Commission

**Minutes**

**Monday, July 25, 2016, 6:30 P.M.**

**Evansville City Hall**

**Present:** Betsy Ahner, Steve Christens, Steve Culbertson, Matt Koser Ald. Gene Lewis, and Dan Stephans.

**Absent:**  None.

**Also Present:**  Community Development Director Jason Sergeant, citizens - Andy Phillips, Margo Dilocker, Sharon Cybert, Lyman Fuson

**Call to order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chair Culbertson.

**Approval of minutes.** Koser moved to waive reading and to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2016 meeting. Stephans seconded. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Civility reminder.**  Announced by the Chair.

**Citizen appearances.** None.

**New business.**

1. Historic Preservation Commission Resolution 2016-01 commending and thanking John Decker for his leadership and service to the Commission since April 17, 2007. Koser moved to adopt the resolution as written, Stephans seconded. Motion approved unanimously on voice vote.
2. Selection of Secretary – Koser moved to appoint Betsy Ahner as secretary, Christens seconded. Motion approved unanimously on voice vote.

**Applications.**

1. 318-322 W. Main Street – New Construction (Application 2016-12a and 2016-12b) Andy Phillips was present to answer questions regarding the design and site plan. Following a review of his plans and discussion of the design Koser moved to approve the application for issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness, as submitted for Application 2016-12a. Culbertson seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Koser moved to approve the application for issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness, as submitted for Application 2016-12b. Culbertson seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Commissioners expressed their appreciation to Phillips for designing buildings sensitive to the historic character of the neighborhood.
2. 237 W. Main, House, Queen Anne, built 1901, AHI #85212. Andy Phillips appeared in support of an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for replacement of roof, windows, gutters and siding. Wide exposure aluminum siding will be removed and replaced with narrow exposure vinyl. Commission members were concerned with plans to remove a curved gable on the roof line on sides of windows at the front and side of the building. It was also noted that preserving the existing historic features of the home would make it more attractive to future buyers. Christians moved to approve, as submitted the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted for window, roof, gutter and siding work. Stephans seconded. Stephans moved to amend the motion with a condition that when the structural soundness of the wooden eves on the curved gable end is known Phillips consult with Sergeant and gain his approval before moving forward with the work, seconded by Culbertson. Amendment approved by unanimous voice vote. Original motion approved by unanimous voice vote as amended.
3. 303 W. Main Street. House, Queen Ann, built ?, AHI#85221. Margo Dilocker was present to represent her daughter and house owner Quinn Dilocker. She presented photos of the deterioration of the front porch and answered questions regarding the work to be done. Christians moved to approve, as submitted, the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for repairs to the porch, second by Culbertson. Motion unanimously approved on voice vote. Ms. Dilocker was thanked for attending the meeting.
4. 334 W. Main Street. House, Queen Ann, built 1898. AHI#80647. Sharon Cybart was present in support of a Certificate of Appropriateness for façade alterations and repairs and she stated that they intended to apply for state tax credits on this project. She showed photos of a proposed screen door that would allow the ornate front door to be seen. Discussion on the replacement of a boarded up side door with a window. It was recommended that a window be installed with a decorative panel below it to preserve the framing of the original door. Lyman Fuson joined the meeting during the discussion about the window. Koser moved to approve, as submitted, the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the façade alterations and repairs, seconded by Christens. Motion unanimously approved on voice vote. Ms. Cybart was thanked for a nice written presentation and for the work she and Mr. Fuson were doing to maintain and restore their home.
5. 16 W. Main Street. Sign. Application approved by staff as allowed by sign ordinance when sign size is not changing only wording. No action needed.
6. 14 W. Main Street. Office building built 1961. AHI#85196. Addition of display windows for retail space, painting of brick façade. This building is in the Historic District but is not listed as a contributing structure. Koser moved to approve, as submitted, the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the window alterations, seconded by Culbertson. Motion unanimously approved on voice vote.

**Old business.**

1. Lake Leota Park- lower baseball diamond. Installation of foul poles, flag pole, and relocation of portable bleachers to new concrete pads. Original pads will not be removed. This item will be referred to the State Historic Preservation Office for their comments and approval. It will then go to the Evansville Park Board and Municipal Services Committee. Motion by Koser to approve the proposed changes to the lower baseball diamond, second by Culbertson. Motion unanimously approved on voice vote.

**Report of the Community Development Director.**

1. **Staff issued Certificates of Appropriateness.** Sergeant reported that he had approved issuance of Certificates of Appropriateness for roofing projects at 26 N First Street, 257 W. Main Street, 103 S. Third Street, and 237 W. Main Street. Also for the sign project at 16 W. Main Street.
2. **Other updates.** None presented.

**Correspondence, comments, and concerns.**  None presented.

**Adjournment.**

Koser moved to adjourn. Christians seconded. Approved by voice vote at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Ahner

Secretary

The minutes of the Evansville Historic Preservation Commission are not official until approved by the Commission.