

Evansville Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes

Wednesday, November 15, 2006 7:00 P.M.

2nd Floor, City Hall

Present: Steve Culbertson, Rich Modaff, Betsy Ahner, John Decker, Susan Finque, Dennis Wessels

Absent: Steve Christens

Others Present: Melissa Destry, Greg Ardisson, and Roger Berg

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by chair Rich Modaff. *Motion by John Decker, second by Steve Culbertson to waive the reading of the October 18, 2006 minutes and approve them as written. Motion carried.*

Motion by Dennis Wessels to amend the minutes of the August 16th meeting to include under the Carlson appearance the phrase, "or a similar roof product from another manufacturer". Second by John Decker. Motion carried. The minutes should now read: Motion by Culbertson to approve the installation of a standard composite roofing material, the DaVinci roof product or a similar roof product made by another manufacturer, on the carriage house with the recommendation that the cedar shake look be used.

Citizen Appearances:

Night Owl - Greg Ardisson introduced Melissa Destry of Destry Design to brief Commission members on the plans he is formulating for his building. She presented historical photos of the building dating to 1895 and showed drawings of the proposed façade restoration. A new front door would be installed and plate glass windows similar to early photos will be installed on the first and second floors. Early photos show a flat overhang suspended by cables above the windows and door on the second floor level and that will not be duplicated. The parapet will be restored and clapboard siding or fiber cement board will be installed. The east side of the building will have windows reinstalled with a possible balcony at the second floor level to add outdoor seating. It is not clear if the State Historical Society will approve this. Several commission members felt it added interest to a very long and plain wall. The rear of the building would have the stairway removed and windows installed with two doorways being filled in. An addition would be added on the west side to provide a second entrance into the public areas of the building. The current exit is through the kitchen. The two buildings to the west are also owned by Greg and drawings were presented of what they might look like. *Motion by Susan Finque to commend Greg Ardisson on the plans he has brought forward and his wholehearted and professional attempt to restore his buildings in the historic spirit. Second by John Decker. Motion carried.*

Update on Eager Building- Roger Berg distributed a project description; the front of the building will be glass with aluminum framing and recessed double doors in wood. The second story will have double hung windows in either a burgundy or terra cotta color. They are rebuilding the mezzanine in the rear of the building. The plans have been approved by the Wisconsin Historical Society. *Motion by Dennis Wessels to approve the plans for the Eager Building historic renovation as presented. Second by John Decker. Motion carried.*

Roller Rink- Joe Bradley explained the problem they were having with plans for garbage disposal and access to the dumpster. They may have to tear down the rear 1/3 of the building to allow a garbage truck room to turn around. It was suggested he talk to the garbage removal companies again because in Madison this type of problem has been solved by having the garbage collectors roll the dumpster forward. He will explore this option further.