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**City of Evansville Historic Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting / Virtual
Wednesday June 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
City Hall (Third Floor), 31 South Madison Street**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order. Stephans called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

2. Roll Call:

Members	Present/Absent	Others Present
Chair Dan Stephans	P	Community Development Dir. Jason Sergeant
Vice-chair Steve Culbertson	P	Joel Bessire, Applicant
Gene Lewis	P	James Montgomery, Citizen
Katie Sacker	P	Jim Shoenenberger, Applicant
Vacant	A	
Cheryl Doerfer	P	
Steve Christens	P	

- 3. Motion to Nominate Dan Stephans as Chair by Doerfer, seconded by Christens
Motion to Nominate Gene Lewis as Vice Chair by Culbertson, seconded by Christens
Motion to Nominate Cheryl Doerfer as Secretary by Sacker, seconded by Lewis
All Approved Unanimously**
- 4. Motion to approve the agenda by Culbertson, seconded by Christens. Approved unanimously.**
- 5. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the May 19, 2021 meeting and approve them as printed by Sacker, seconded by Culbertson. Approved unanimously.**
- 6. Civility Reminder.** Stephans noted the City’s commitment to civil discourse.
- 7. Citizen appearances and Public Presentations.** James Montgomery
- 8. Applications- Action Items:**
- A. 116 Grove – Windows (HPC-2021-25)**
Applicant not present. Motion to table the application pending inspection of windows by Stephans and submission of sample by applicant by Doerfer, seconded by Lewis.
Approved unanimously.
- B. 113 E Main – Rear Porch and Stairs (HPC-2021-22)**

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Applicant not present. Stephans expressed concern for the poor condition of the existing concrete which would be kept in the proposed project. Stephans also expressed concern in spacing on the vertical rail appearing to be greater than 5ft. **Motion to approve the application by Culbertson, seconded by Christens. Approved unanimously.**

C. 113 E Main – Front Porch and Stairs (HPC-2021-26)

Applicant not present. Proposed porch identical to that in the rear but with covering of the steps. **Motion to approve the application with the exception of the stair covering and condition that spindles be vertical and the removal of the canopy by Christens, seconded by Culbertson. Approved unanimously.** Stair covering application must be resubmitted with clarification.

Applicant James Schoenenberger then joined by phone and clarified that the covering of the steps would match the west end of the front entrance. Schoenenberger also clarified the covering would be removable for cleanup and maintenance.

Motion to approve application, including stair covering with condition that the spindles be vertical and the canopy be removed by Sacker, seconded by Christens. Approved unanimously.

9. Discussion Items:

A. 108 E Main – Siding and Door (HPC-2021-23)

Applicant Joel Bessire present. Applicant and Commission discussed the condition of the property and the proposed improvements and materials. Stephans expressed concern with use of vinyl, especially dark colored vinyl which would warp in the heat. **Motion to approve application as outlined with condition the front of building be covered in cement board with appearance of shiplap as opposed to vinyl. By Culbertson, seconded by Sacker. Approved unanimously.**

B. 116 S Second – Deck, Addition (HPC-2021-24)

Applicant not present. The commission discussed the application and noted that addition would need to be set in from the original footprint of the house, not lined up with exterior wall. **No action taken.** Item to be discussed with owner prior to action on application.

C. 20 Mill St – Demolition and Rebuild (HPC-2021-10 and HPC-2021-16)

Applicant not present, no contact has been made with applicant since the previous meeting regarding updates to the application.

D. Discussion on Application to Plaque a Home

No progress has been made on this application.

E. Discussion on Dam and Creek Wall Repairs

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Stephans gave updates on the progress regarding his conversations with the DNR, Chad Renly, and the others. The DNR would allow concrete with 4 inch stone facing. Stephans discussed the possibility of the stone facing being above the water level but plain concrete under the regular water level. Stephans advised that Renly is opposed to stone facing due to budgetary constraints.

F. Discussion on Acceptable Fencing Designs

No discussion was held.

G. Commendation for Resigned Commission Member

There was discussion on the possibility of commendation for resigned commission member Koser. No action was taken, Jason suggested looking for a previous commendation for a former member for reference.

10. Correspondence, Comments and Concerns.

None

11. Next Meeting Date: July 21, 2021 @ 6:00

12. Motion to Adjourn by Doerfer, seconded by Christens. Approved unanimously.