

Rockford Historic Preservation Commission

November 20, 2012 – 6:00PM – City Hall Conference Room B

Present: Janna Bailey, Scott Sanders, David Hagney, Alderman Doug Mark

Absent: Becky Lichty, Vickie Kruger, Mark McInnis

Staff: Thaddeus Mack, Planner & Building Plans Examiner

Other: Interested Parties

Meeting was called to order at 6:02PM by David Hagney

Approval of Minutes

A **Motion** was made by **Alderman Mark** to **APPROVE** the minutes of the September 11, 2012 meeting as presented. The **Motion** was **Seconded** by **Scott Sanders** and **CARRIED** by a vote of **4-0**.

Unfinished Business

None to report

New Business

Certificate of Appropriateness for 509 Indian Terrace – Deck Replacement

Pete Riggs presented the options for the stoop replacement on the west side of the residence. 4 options were presented to the commission. The stoop is not original as it is concrete. Scott Sanders questioned if Option 2 is the preferred choice of the owner. Mr. Riggs indicated yes. Scott Sanders reviewed all options and indicated a preference for Option 3 of those presented based on personal preference. Railings to have equal spacing of the pickets, which is the case of Option 3. David Hagney asked HPCS if they are voting on stoop and deck, or just one? HPCS clarified it would be for both under one application. Mr. Riggs stated the piers are existing with caps and plates in the columns. The rail in the back and style will match the one selected for the front. The height for the top rails are to be where brackets are currently placed. David Hagney asked what the decking material would be. Pete Riggs stated it would be pressure treated new lumber as this area is not a covered porch and will absorb water. The space below the deck is presumed to have been a stable (as originally designed). At this time, the owner is only looking for a deck where the piers are presently, but only covered by the roof overhangs. The owner would prefer to keep this as an open deck, with no plans to enclose it at this time. David Hagney questioned, could the applicant use cedar board in lieu of pressure treated? Pete Riggs stated it would be possible, but not as cost effective and asked what would the concern be? David Hagney stated that cupping and less visual appeal of the deck is the concern. Pete Riggs clarified what additional details were present at the site to tie design and styles together with new construction. Pete Riggs stated he could finalize the railing detail for the back (river side) to submit for approval. Alderman Doug Mark asked for only one example style to be shown based on the style selected for the stoop on the street side. Scott Sanders stated his preference is option 2 now given his understanding of the composition and materials. David Hagney asked what the size would be for the vertical boards. Pete Riggs stated 2x4 top and bottom rails with 1x vertical members and 6x6 posts. David Hagney suggested review of another property to detail the railing and suggested some locations to look at. Alderman Doug Mark asked what the timeframe for this work is. Pete Riggs stated construction would be through the winter. Scott Sanders suggested voting to approve the street side porch and submit additional details and plans for river side later (to accommodate concrete work at stoop).

A **Motion** was made by **Scott Sanders** to **Approve** the Certificate of Appropriateness for street side porch of 509 Indian Terrace Option 2 as presented. The **Motion** was **Second** by **Alderman Doug Mark** and **Carried** by a vote of **4-0**.

Section 106 Filing for 321 West State St.

HPCS presented the commission with invitation to comment on addition of cellular antenna to the roof of the building and gave a brief overview of what typically is done with Section 106 invitations to comment, specifically regarding cellular equipment on historic buildings. The HPCS also stated that existing equipment and antenna are present as well as the mounts for the proposed antenna. The HPC directed the HPCS to write a letter recommending the contractor takes all feasible measures to minimize further visual impact from the public right of way.

Staff report

HPC Secretary reported that the annual letters to owners of Historic Landmarks and properties within Historic Districts were sent out at the end of October with only a few letters returned with failed delivery. Additionally, HPC Secretary indicated the annual report will be prepared and issued sometime around the end of January or beginning of February. Lastly, the HPC Secretary stated that a CLG evaluation was taking place on 11/21/12 with a representative from the IHPA.

With no other business a **MOTION** was made by **Scott Sanders** to adjourn. The **Motion** was **SECONDED** by **Alderman Doug Mark** and **CARRIED** by a vote of **4-0**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.
Submitted by Thaddeus Mack