

Rockford Historic Preservation Commission
May 18, 2005
6:00 PM
Rockford City Hall, Conference Room B

MEMBERS PRESENT: Laura Bachelder, Jeanne Ludeke, Valerie Olafson, Frank St. Angel, Scott Sanders

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alderman John Beck, Sally Faber (both excused)

STAFF: Ginny Gregory, Sandra Hawthorne

OTHERS: Lori Gustafson (Haight Village Historic District); David Hagney (Hagney Architects), Georgeann Dahm, and Chief Bill Robertson (9-1-1- Center at 204 South First Street)

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Val Olafson.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the April 20, 2005 meeting were presented and a **MOTION to APPROVE** was made by Scott Sanders, seconded by Frank St. Angel and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5-0.

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

Haight Village Banners

Lori Gustafson, representing the Haight Village National Register Historic District, presented the application for 20" x 40" banners. The intent is to hang 10 banners on lampposts throughout Haight Village from June 4th through the end of September. Lori explained these banners would be a tool to assist the public in recognizing the boundaries of the Haight Village Historic District, as well as a promotional tool for the Historic Home Tour in September. She explained the banners would be located at each interior intersection, as well as two each along Walnut and Kishwaukee Streets, and that there would only be 10 banners, not 11 as indicated in the application. Ginny reminded Ms. Gustafson that she will need to secure the appropriate permits from Public Works before installing the banners.

Jeanne Ludeke made a **MOTION to APPROVE** the Certificate of Appropriateness for 10 20" x 40" banners on lampposts as designated by the drawing submitted with the application, to be displayed from June 4th through the end of September. The motion was seconded by Scott Sanders and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5-0.

204 South First Street

David Hagney, Hagney Architects, LLC, reviewed the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for modifications to the 9-1-1 Center at 204 South First Street. Also present were Fire Chief Bill Robertson and Georgeann Dahm, 9-1-1 Administrator. Mr. Hagney stated this request is a modification of the Certificate of Appropriateness granted in August 2004. The current application is considerably less dramatic than what was previously approved in that it does not include addition of a third floor to the building. It does include the addition of new overhead garage doors, and relocation of the transformer to the alley as well as previously approved modifications to the exterior. First floor windows will be replaced as needed to match the original windows. The plan is to replace the six overhead garage doors to more resemble the carriage doors that were on the original fire station. The transformer will be relocated to the alley, as will the dumpster; both will be enclosed. The portion of the alley from Walnut to the rear of the building will be vacated, leaving that portion from the back of the building and towards the South public. Access to the dumpster would be at the south end. The pavement between the fence and Walnut Street will be removed and landscaped. The existing canopy at the Walnut Street entrance will be removed. The Walnut entrance will be relocated to First Street. Mr. Hagney stated the style of light fixtures has not been determined at this time, but ones that fit with the period of the building would be selected. The locker room windows will be replaced with glass block.

It was explained that no work would start until the reconfiguration of Walnut and 2nd Streets is completed. Ginny Gregory explained to Chief Robertson that the Certificate of Appropriateness would be good for six months, but that it could easily be renewed provided nothing is changed from the original plan submitted.

A **MOTION** was made by Frank St. Angel to **APPROVE** the modification of the Certificate of Appropriateness granted in August 2004 to include the addition of new overhead garage doors matching the original garage doors, relocation of the transformer to the alley as stipulated, and the screening and landscaping of the dumpster and transformer. The motion was **SECONDED** by Scott Sanders and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5-0. Approval is subject to review and approval by the Historic Preservation Commission of the following at the appropriate times:

1. Design of new light fixtures prior to installation;
2. Landscaping and material prior to installation
3. Fencing prior to installation.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report

STAFF REPORT

A representative from the Public Works Department will attend the June 15th meeting with an application for changes to 2nd and 3rd Streets within Haight Village.

With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Ann Hawthorne
Sr. Administrative Assistant