

Rockford Historic Preservation Commission

February 6, 2007 - 6:00 PM

Conference Room B

Rockford City Hall

Present: Laura Bachelder, Sally Faber, David Hagney, Mark McInnis, Mike Pauly
Absent : Maureen Flanagan, Ald. Doug Mark
Staff : Ginny Gregory, Lucia Rinedollar
Others: Ben Cradic – Graham-Ginestra House; prospective buyer of 326 South 3rd Street

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

Mike Pauly made a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** the minutes for the meeting of January 11, 2007 as submitted. The motion was seconded by David Hagney and **CARRIED** by a vote of **5-0**.

Request for Advice – Graham-Ginestra House

Ben Cradic explained that they would like to put a gate at the end of the driveway at the Graham-Ginestra House at 1115 South Main Street. He asked for suggestions from the Commission as to what type of gate would be appropriate. Most suggestions involved having the posts for the gate being taller than the rest of the fence posts to make it stand out more, and using a double-swing gate. Ginny brought in a book with photos of fences and gates and promised to send copies to Mr. Cradic. After further discussion, Mr. Cradic decided the best thing to do would be to go to the library to find pictures and then present options to the board.

326 South 3rd Street

A prospective buyer for 326 South 3rd Street was present to discuss his possible acquisition of the property. In response to questions on locating pictures of the home, Ginny recommended contacting Gary Anderson and Laura suggested he contact her at Midway Village. He was informed that this Commission only has authority over exterior changes to the property. Ginny stated that there are currently building code violations that will need to be remedied but that the Building Department will work with an owner if visible progress is being made. She suggested contacting Jim Vronch who is the inspector handling the property for the Building Department.

OLD BUSINESS

Satellite Dishes

After a lengthy discussion it was decided that Ginny will do some additional research including:

1. Contacting a neutral party to determine what effect location has on the reception received from the dishes;
2. Checking with the Legal Department to determine if it can be a requirement that if the property is sold, the dish must be removed;
3. Discussing the possibility of requiring a permit for satellite dishes with the Building Department; and
4. Talking to Ald. Mark to see what his feelings are regarding the dishes.

STAFF REPORT

Realtor training – update

Sally reported that she will be meeting with RAAR's Continuing Education Committee on Friday. She advised the Commission that their facilities may be used free of charge if the committee feels the training is worthy and will have ample attendance. She also noted that she will continue to work on making the training eligible for continuing education credits but that it is a complicated process. Ginny stated that they may be able to apply for the grant this year since the application deadline was missed last year. She also said she would check with Mike Jackson, IHPA's senior architect, on whether he is licensed by the Realtors to do this sort of training.

Violations – 208 South Second Street

Ginny reported that the owner of 208 South 2nd Street was given an extension until Friday, 2/9/07 to move the metal chimney on his property from the side of the house to the roof. She advised that if this does not occur, she will notify the Legal Department and ask that they pursue this as a violation of the City's preservation ordinance.

OTHER

Ginny passed out a packet of general information to each Commission member.

Mike Pauly made a **MOTION** to **ADJOURN**. Sally Faber seconded the motion which **CARRIED** by a vote of **5-0**.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Lucia Rinedollar,
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