

# Rockford Historic Preservation Commission

June 14, 2011 — 6:00 PM

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

**Absent:** Mark McGinnis

**Staff:** Jonah Katz, Planner II

**Other:** Interested Parties

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## Approval of Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Alderman Doug Mark to **APPROVE** the minutes of the May 10, 2011 meeting as presented. The Motion was **SECONDED** by Janna Bailey and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5-0, with two abstentions.

## New Business

### Certificate of Appropriateness

#### **539 Indian Terrace**

Mr. Katz explained the request for the COA was for the replacement of existing windows facing the river.

The applicant, Shirley Bombard, stated that the current painted windows are leaking, and the other windows in her house were all vinyl. The vinyl windows facing the river would be a change of materials but will have the same color and appearance as the rest of the windows in the house. Dennis Sharp, from Feldco Windows, accompanied the applicant, and explained that the windows will be custom constructed to look like the ones they are replacing, and that from the river they will appear the same as before.

A **MOTION** was made by Alderman Doug Mark to **Approve** the window replacement. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vicki Krueger and **CARRIED** by a vote of 4-1. Scott Sanders voted NO.

#### **303 S 1<sup>st</sup> Street**

Mr. Katz explained that the application was for a memorial for Rockford Firefighters that has already been installed in conjunction with a Boy Scout Eagle project.

The applicant, Jodi Carroll, representing the Rockford Park District, stated that the district worked with a local boyscout to construct a memorial to Rockford Firefighters in Ingersoll Centennial Park. The Park District was unaware that the Park was within the Haight Village Historic District, and therefore was subject to a Certificate of Appropriateness upon review by the Rockford Historic Preservation Commission. The District is now requesting approval of the memorial with any conditions to bring the project into conformance with HPC regulations.

A **MOTION** was made by Scott Sanders to **Approve** the Fire Fighter memorial. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Alderman Doug Mark and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5-0.

Ms. Carroll also requested that HPC provide the Park District with a map of historic districts so that the District can ensure they are in compliance with HPC regulations before they begin construction. Staff will comply with her request to deliver more detailed information.

### **226 S 2<sup>nd</sup> Street**

Mr. Katz explained that the application was for condensing units and screening in conjunction with air conditioning upgrade of the building.

The applicant, Jack Jannssen of Area Mechanical, speaking on behalf of 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran Church provided plans for an upgraded plan for air conditioning and condensing units to prepare the 226 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street property for facilities for the Rockford Music Academy. The part of the project impacting the exterior of the building, and visible from the right-of-way, is the condensing units, energy recovery unit and screening, which will be sited on the Northeast corner of the structure. The final design of the screening for the condensing units will have to be configured at a later date, but the applicant requested a ruling on the overall upgrades.

A **MOTION** was made by Scott Sanders to **Approve** condensing equipment and energy recovery units on the exterior of the building. Approval is with the condition that the applicant will screen the units and submit a final design of the enclosure of the units and the screening for the outside ductwork leading to the units to the HPC for review and another Certificate of Appropriateness. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Alderman Doug Mark and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5-0.

### **Old Business**

None

### **Staff Report/Other**

***Garrison Historic District Update*** Alderman Doug Mark gave an update on the status of the Garrison Historic District Application. He stated that a joint Signal Hill / Haskel neighborhood meeting was held June 9, at 7:00 p.m. located at St. Peter's Church. Notification was sent to all the property owners within the proposed district as well as reverse 911. There was a good turnout and Signal Hill approved supporting the proposed district. He would ask that we put this item back on the agenda for the July HPC meeting.

With no other business a **MOTION** was made by Alderman Doug Mark to adjourn the meeting of June 14, 2011. The Motion was **SECONDED** by David Hagney and **CARRIED** by a vote of 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.  
Submitted by Jonah Katz, Planner II