

## Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

7/29/20

Historic Preservation Chair, Marcia Steward, called the Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 5:30pm on Wednesday, July, 29, 2020 at the Village of Frankfort Administration Building, located at 432 W. Nebraska Street, Frankfort, Illinois.

Roll Call – Historic Preservation Commissioners present included Chair Marcia Steward, Vice-Chair Don Olivieri, Secretary Stephanie Kush, Commissioner Casey Stanevicius, and Commissioner Chester Szmurlo; also present was Trustee John Clavio, Trustee Margaret Farina, Building and Economic Development Manager Adam Nielsen, Michael Shideler owner of 21 Ash Street property, Ed & Valerie Thelen owners of The Wine Thief, and two members of the community who did not sign in.

Approval of Minutes – Meeting minutes from July 8, 2020

Vice-Chair Olivieri made a motion (#1), seconded by Commissioner Szmurlo to approve the Historic Preservation Commission meeting minutes of July 8, 2020 with the corrected spelling of Trustee Borrelli's name. All agreed, motion unanimously approved.

21 Ash Street – Certificate of Appropriateness

- A) Exterior Door
- B) Trim Painting

Vice-Chair Olivieri noted that mullions to glass, similar to the Trolley Barn example presented, would have looked nicer. Would have been nice to see this item come before the Commission prior to installation.

Michael Shideler, owner of the property, noted that 1) he was not aware that the building was zoned H1 at time of purchase or that there were specific limitations to owning a building in H1, and 2) that the door was installed for safety reasons and to prevent water from coming in to the front entrance of the building.

Secretary Kush agreed with Vice-Chair Olivieri, that mullions would have been a more appropriate choice for that building. She noted that no Certificates of Appropriateness were issued by the Historic Preservation Commission for door installations in H1 in the past, so the examples presented as "precedence" have no merit. Additionally, just because things were done incorrectly and against the HPC Ordinance in the past does not mean that those incorrect decisions need to continue now. Commissioner Stanevicius mentioned that the color scheme for the trim around the door, black with maroon lettering, is too dark. Noted that the trim around the door should be highlighted. Understood that the door was installed for safety reasons.

Commissioner Szmurlo mentioned that the door that was installed was very utilitarian, that mullions would have fit the character of the building better, and questioned if there were guidelines in place the

HPC to access door installation on H1 properties.

Commissioner Steward noted that the north building on of the property was built in 1877 and that the south edition was constructed in 1903. Both structures are well over 100 years old. The comparison of the property to the building on the west side of Ash is like comparing apples to oranges as they were not built anywhere near the same time and is an example of a contemporary build that tried to reproduce historic character to fit in to the downtown area.. Doors should be compared to other 100 year old + buildings in the area.

Chair Steward made a motion (#2), seconded by Commissioner Stanevicius to issue an after the fact Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of the door at 21 Ash Street. Approval was reached three to two with Vice-Chair Olivieri, Commissioner Stanevicius, and Commissioner Szmurlo in favor and Chair Steward and Secretary Kush in opposition.

Chair Steward made a motion (#3), seconded by Commissioner Szmurlo to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the painting of the trim around the door with black and gold/tan as a more appropriate option around the already installed door at 21 Ash Street. Approval was reached three to two with Vice-Chair Olivieri, Commissioner Stanevicius, and Commissioner Szmurlo in favor and Chair Steward and Secretary Kush in opposition.

Wine Thief (6 Elwood) – Certificate of Appropriateness

- A) Trash Enclosure
- B) Canopy Installation

Commissioner Stanevicius noted that she is ok with both the canopy installation and trash enclosure. Vice-Chair Olivieri questioned the canopy installation – is it an awning structure because of the poles being used to secure it.

Commissioner Szmurlo had rain management questions. The canopy and poles have rain management built in.

Chair Steward commends the trash enclosure aesthetics. Noted that the canopy makes sense, however, questioned the uniformity (the canopies on the south of the building are black) compared to the proposed blue and gray pinstriped one.

Secretary Kush sees no issue with the trash enclosure, however, is concerned about the canopy not being black to match the rest on the building.

Chair Steward made a motion (#4), seconded by Commissioner Szmurlo to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the trash enclosure. Approved unanimously.

Chair Steward made a motion (#5), seconded by Vice-Chair Olivieri to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed canopy enclosure. Approved unanimously.

Other Business –

Chair Steward asked Adam Nielsen to change documents noting “1890’s Theme” to “Historic Preservation Commission”.

Adjournment –

Hearing no further business, Vice-Chair Olivieri made a motion (#6), seconded by Commissioner Stanevicius to adjourn the Historic Preservation Commission meeting of July 29, 2020 at 6:22pm. The motion was unanimously approved.