

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :**: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :**

Room 400, Peoria, Illinois, July 27, 2011, a Historic Preservation Commission Meeting was held this date at 8:30 A.M., at City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, Chairperson Robert Powers presiding.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following Historic Preservation Commission Members were present: Herold, Masick, Powers, Ruckriegel, Smith - 5; Absent: Joseph, Pierz - 2.

Staff Present: Kimberly Smith and Trina Bonds

Chairperson Powers informed everyone that Steve Pierz is a new member of the Historic Preservation Commission.

MINUTES

Commissioner Ruckriegel moved to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2011 Historic Preservation Commission meeting (as outlined); seconded by Commissioner Herold.

Approved by viva voce vote.

Yeas: Herold, Masick, Powers, Ruckriegel, Smith – 5;

Nays: None;

Abstention: None.

There were no public speakers that wished to be sworn in and give testimony.

Chairperson Powers explained the procedures of the Commission. He also gave an overview of the Certificate of Appropriateness Finding of Facts Worksheet.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS- THE CITY OF PEORIA

(HPC 11-17) PUBLIC HEARING on the request of Dale Veal for a *Certificate of Appropriateness* to demolish the garage at 1114 N. Ellis Street.

Ms. Smith introduced the case and gave a power point presentation. She submitted a site plan for the record and also provided an overview of photos that detailed the condition of the garage. She stated that per Building Inspections the garage was not considered in immediate danger of collapse; therefore it did not meet the criteria necessary to demolish outside of Historic Preservation approval. She then reported that the petitioner was not present to provide public testimony.

In discussion with Commissioner Smith regarding if whether the petitioner planned to add another garage, Ms. Smith reported that any new modifications will require a Certificate of Appropriateness and stated the petitioner is aware of that. She explained that initially the petitioner had asked questions about a new garage replacement, but

because it is in housing court and because of the condition of the garage, he wanted to go ahead and get this part of the request completed.

In discussion with Chairperson Powers regarding the removal of the concrete pad, Ms. Smith explained that the Commission could specify if they wanted it removed. After checking the application, Ms. Smith stated that it was not specified by the petitioner.

During more discussion, Commissioner Masick commented that the concrete pad is an eyesore and should be removed. Commissioner Herold commented that he did not like to see another case of demolition by neglect, but stated that the structure looks like in time it will collapse.

Chairperson Powers concurred that this was a case of demolition by neglect, but stated that this is a secondary structure and a detractor to the historic district. He then mentioned down the road the Commission conducting a survey of these types of properties to assist the City with the demolition process.

There being no public testimony, Chairperson Powers closed the public hearing.

Motion

Commissioner Smith moved to approve Case No. HPC 11-17, per the submitted request with clarification of the removal of the concrete pad; pursuant to the Certificate of Appropriateness Finding of Facts Worksheet; seconded by Commissioner Masick.

Motion **APPROVED** by viva voce vote.

Yeas: Herold, Joseph, Masick, Powers, Smith - 5;

Nays: None;

Abstention: None.

Chairperson Powers acknowledged Council Member Weaver in the audience.

REQUEST TO RECEIVE AND FILE:

- Report from Staff regarding Administrative Certificates of Appropriateness issued.
- Report from Staff regarding enforcement case status.

Motion

After brief comments, Commissioner Herold moved **to approve** the request to receive and file Staff Reports; seconded by Commissioner Masick.

Motion **APPROVED** by viva voce vote.

Yeas: Herold, Masick, Powers, Ruckriegel, Smith - 5;

Nays: None;

Abstention: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were presented for discussion.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

The Commission discussed writing a letter of appreciation to former Commissioner Pam Hall on behalf her services to the Historic Preservation Commission.

As a point of clarification, Chairperson Powers reported that Commissioner Joseph is still on the Commission. He then pointed out that Steve Pierz replaced Pam Hall.

Commissioner Smith commented about the garage demolition case and suggested that Staff add discussion on next month's agenda regarding research on mothballing. Ms. Smith responded that this issue was addressed with the Ad Hoc Committee recommendations and is not on a current work plan. After more comments, Commissioner Smith reported that he would bring information to next month's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The July 27, 2011 Historic Preservation Commission meeting adjourned at approximately 8:49 A.M.

Kimberly Smith, AICP, Senior Urban Planner

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