



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Heritage Preservation Commission

Thursday, August 26, 2021

6:00 PM

Southside Neighborhood Center 1300 6th St S

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Roll Call

Present: 4 - John J. Satory, Laura Godden, Jennifer Morris, Mackenzie Mindel

Excused: 3 - Terence R. Collins, David Riel, Janet Allen

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the May 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

John Satory moved to approve both the April and July meeting minutes with the correction to the July meeting minutes to change May 2021 minutes to April 2021 minutes and to the caption on the agenda that says "Approval of the May 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes" to April. Jennifer Morris seconded. The motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

2. Approval of the July 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

Agenda Items:

3. [21-1260](#) Review of a Certificate of Recommendation for the property located at 429 7th

Street N. (Hixon House)

Staff provided an overview of the project, The La Crosse County Historical Society is proposing new signage at the Hixon House. John Satory moved to approve the application as submitted. Laura Godden seconded. CM Mindel asked if there was any signs being replaced or if they were all new. Staff stated that there is a new sign face being replaced on the sign in the front yard but it was not a reviewable component of the project by the Commission. Peggy Derrick, Executive Director for the La Crosse County Historical Society stated that she is available for questions. The application was approved 4-0 by voice vote.

4. [21-1261](#)

Review of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the property located at 123-125 3rd Street S. (Downtown Historic District)

Staff provided an overview of the project. The applicant is proposing to stabilize an interior wall so that it can be used as an exterior wall once the adjacent building is demolished. CM asked if Dan Miller, the contractor, had anything else to add. John Satory expressed his desire to at least try and save the facade of the adjacent building and also asked why the proposed cinder block wall could not be located on the inside of the building. CM Mindel stated that the Commission was not reviewing or acting on an effort to preserve the facade. They were reviewing and acting only on the work being proposed on the wall. Dan Miller stated that, due to the current condition of the wall and the way it was failing, placing the new wall on the inside would not structurally be able to support it. It had to be located on the exterior in order to prevent the wall from buckling in on itself. CM Mindel asked Dan Miller if the exterior of the wall could be brick. Dan Miller said it could be. Laura Godden asked if there were going to be any windows. Dan Miller said at this time it is just a wall. The concrete block is being used for structural reasons. The brick would be used for cosmetic purposes. Brick is much more expensive than the proposed stucco look. Laura Godden stated that when the Club Tucan building is removed the vacant space is much more prominent and should be brick. CM Mindel asked what the cost difference was. Dan Miller stated that it would be twice as much than the stucco option. Jennifer Morris stated that she felt it was important to move forward with this so we can protect the building that is not being torn down. Laura agreed but stated that the exterior should include brick due to the large vacant opening that will be created. Jennifer stated that the applicant cited cost as it being prohibited. John Satory stated that they are tearing down a building in the historic Downtown and that shouldn't matter. They can at least build a brick exterior wall. CM Mindel asked staff what it would mean if they denied it. Staff stated that the applicant could appeal the decision to the Common Council. Staff also added that it would be important make sure that the Commission states very clear reasons for denial. CM Mindel asked if the cost estimate stated earlier for brick as for brick veneer or whole brick. Dan Miller stated that it was for brick veneer. John Satory moved to deny the application. The motion failed due to a lack of a second. Laura Godden moved to approve the application with the condition that brick or brick veneer is used on the exterior of the wall. Jennifer Morris seconded. The motion passed 3-1. John Satory voting no.

5. [21-1105](#)

Review of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the property located at 924 Cass Street. (10th & Cass District)

Staff reminded the Commission that this item was referred from last month if the applicant had not reached out to staff with updated information. Staff

informed the Commission that the applicant had not reach out to them and requested that the item be referred again for 30 days. Jennifer Morris moved to approve the application as submitted. John Satory seconded. Laura Godden moved to refer the item for 30 days also giving staff the authority to approve if provided the required information. John Satory seconded. The motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

6. Update on 2022 Capital Budget Items.

Staff informed the Commission that the Lost La Crosse project was not recommended to stay in the 2022 CIP Budget. The requested item to prepare National Register Nominations was recommended to stay in the 2022 CIP Budget. Staff stated that the Commission could use this funding as a match for a Certified Local Government Grant for more funding for nominations.

Adjournment

The chair adjourned the meeting at 6:58pm.

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