



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Heritage Preservation Commission

Thursday, February 20, 2020

6:00 PM

3rd Floor Conference Room

Call to Order

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

Present: 5 - John J. Satory, Chris Kahlow, Marcus Zettler, Laura Godden, Janet Allen

Excused: 2 - Terence R. Collins, David Riel

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the December 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes.

John Satory moved to approve the minutes. Jane Allen seconded. The motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

Agenda Items:

2. [20-0300](#) Nomination of the John Torrance House, located at 726 Cameron Avenue, to be designated as a Local Historic Landmark.

Staff provided an overview of the nomination. The applicant is proposing the building be nominated for it being associated with a significant person in the history of La Crosse, John Torrance; for it being design by a master builder/architect, who was Schtick and Stoltze; and for it being a prominent example of a style of architecture, Queen Anne. Janet Allen moved to accept the nomination and hold a public hearing on its nomination at the March 19, 2020 meeting. Laura Godden seconded. The motion passed 4-0 by voice vote. Marcus Zettler arrived at 6:09pm.

3. [20-0301](#) Review of a Certificate of Recommendation for the property located at 1121 Caledonia Street. (Former Maid Rite Building)

Marcus Zettler recused himself from this item sat in the audience.

John Satory moved to open a public hearing. Laura Godden seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Joe Van Aelstyn provided an overview of the status of the building. He stated that the judge ordered to remove the raze order on the south half on the adjacent lot. Joe then provided an overview of his proposed project. He stated that he will remove the second floor in the interior of the building. Installing casement windows would allow for this. Wood siding would be replaced with LP Smart siding, The front upper facade would be replaces with cedar shakes.

Wood moulding would replace the brick on the lower front facade. A trap window would be installed on the rear facade to allow for natural light to flood in.

John Satory moved to close the public hearing. Janet Allen seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Staff provided an overview of their staff report. Council Member Barb Janssen agreed with the staff on their recommendation. John Satory asked if the north facade was the front of the building at one point in time. Joe Van Aelstyn stated that it wasn't.

John Satory moved to approve the application with the condition that the applicant must also meet all Building Code requirements and obtain all required permits from the Fire Department- Division of Fire Prevention & Building Safety. Laura Godden seconded. The motion passed 4-0 by voice vote.

4. Discussion on list of most threatened historic resources in La Crosse.

Marcus Zettler returned to the Commission at 6:35pm.

Staff asked the Commission which buildings they would like to have considered. John Satory stated that he would like to have the Washburn House, 608 4th St S, and 601-603 3rd St S considered. Chris Kahlow listed 709 & 711 Cass Street. Marcus Zettler stated the American Legion Building at 711 6th St S, 119-121 3rd St S, the Uptowne commercial area on Caledonia St, 801 5th Ave s, and the building at 13th & Ferry Streets. Laura Godden suggested the Coney Island Building on 3rd St, the Bimbo Bakery Building (Former Tribune Building), 714 Cass Street, and the Lustron Houses.

It was determined to further the discussion at a later meeting.

Adjournment

Marcus Zettler moved to adjourn the meeting. Janet Allen seconded. The motion passed 5-0 by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm.

Notice is further given that members of other governmental bodies may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.

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