

MINUTES
BELOIT LANDMARKS COMMISSION
Meeting of November 19, 2013

A Meeting of the Beloit Landmarks Commission was held on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 in the City Hall Forum.

Present: Rick McGrath, Ruth Vater, Donna Johnson, Steve Vollmer, Charles Haynes, Ellen Joyce

Absent: None

1. Roll Call

Commissioner McGrath called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Planner Stephanie Hummel called the Roll.

2. Minutes of the October 15, 2013 Meeting

The Minutes of the October 15, 2013 meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Vater. The motion carried (5-0).

3. Public Comments: None

4. Darrell Morris – Certificate of Appropriateness

COA-2013-41 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace various doors at the property located at 922 Bluff Street.

Ms. Hummel read the staff report.

The applicant was not present to answer questions concerning the project. Commissioners Johnson and Haynes noted that the original side and front doors do not appear to be in need of replacement. Commissioner Johnson noted that the front door is a focal point to this historic home and the proposed replacement is not appropriate. Commissioner McGrath noted that the first concern and priority of the Commission is to assure that the door is beyond repair before replacement occurs. There is no proof that either the front door or front storm door are beyond the point of repair.

Following this discussion, Commissioner Joyce made a motion to approve the requested COA, subject to the conditions recommended by staff, including an amendment to add a condition that would exclude the front door and front storm door from this COA as there is no evidence that the replacement of these doors is necessary. It is also recommended upon removal of the side door that it be placed in the attic of the home so it could be restored and reused in the future. Commissioner Vater seconded the motion. The motion carried (5-0).

5. Report on Staff-Approved Certificates of Appropriateness & Activities Since Last Meeting

Ms. Hummel announced that she recently issued the following Certificates of Appropriateness:

748 Wisconsin Avenue: Installation of glass blocks for basement window openings

249/251 Roosevelt Avenue: Roof repairs

941 Bluff Street: Roof and chimney repairs

6. Committee Reports

A. Education & Outreach Committee: Commissioner Johnson has completed welcome packets for new owners in the historic districts.

B. Grant Writing Committee: Commissioner Joyce noted that Beloit College has upcoming historical preservation work that may include this commission. She will keep the commissioners updated as needed.

C. Site Visit Committee: No Report.

D. Historic District Sign Committee: Ms. Hummel informed the commissioners that planning staff will be meeting with engineering to determine the possible locations of the historic signs.

7. Adjournment

At 7:30 PM, Commissioner Vollmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Joyce seconded the motion. The motion carried (5-0).

Stephanie Hummel, Planner