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MEETING MINUTES
BELOIT LANDMARKS COMMISSION
Tuesday, July 19, 2016, 7:00 PM
The Forum, 100 State Street

1. Roll Call

Commissioner Blazer called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
Commissioners Blazer, Joyce, Kaye, Vater, Johnson, Vollmer, and Sloniker were present.
Commissioner Truesdale was absent.

2. Minutes of the June 21, 2016 Meeting

Commissioners Joyce and Vater moved to approve the minutes. Motion carried, 7-0.

3. Public Comments: None

4. Margaret Bredeson – Certificate of Appropriateness

COA-2016-23 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the existing garage doors on the residential carriage house structure located at 837 Church Street.

Mr. Morganroth read the staff report and recommendation.

The applicant, Ms. Bredeson, cited a number of reasons for why she has requested a new garage door including cost, functionality, and ease of use. Ms. Bredeson told the Commission that if the new door was approved, she would be selling the existing doors to a company in Madison that rehabs old furniture and home components.

Commissioner Vater asked the members of the Site Visit Committee to describe what they saw when they visited the garage. Commissioners Vollmer and Blazer reported that they saw some mild deterioration and went in to detail regarding the structural integrity of the garage and the need for a new header.

Commissioner Vater asked if the applicant would consider putting in two doors instead of just one large one. The applicant stated that she preferred the single door in order to provide more room for her car.

Commissioners Joyce and Sloniker made a motion to approve the COA. Motion failed, 3-4.

Multiple commissioners expressed support for having the applicant research a few other options and asked Staff to work with the applicant on finding alternatives.

The Commission then expressed interest in tabling the COA request instead of denying the application outright so the applicant did not have to reapply.

Commissioners Vater and Vollmer made a motion to table the COA. Motion carried, 7-0. (Motion made out of order)

5. Anthony Jackson – Certificate of Appropriateness

COA-2016-16 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness to repair various front porch features and to tuckpoint the chimney on the residential structure located at 327 Vernon Avenue.

Mr. Morganroth read the staff report and recommendation.

Commissioners Vater and Vollmer made a motion to approve the COA. Motion carried, 7-0.

6. Discussion of Potential Uses for Structure at 627 Church Street

Commissioner Vater gave the rest of the Commission an overview of the first meeting of the workgroup. Commissioner Vater reported that progress has been made and that a number of alternatives to demolition were identified.

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

Mr. Morganroth reported that two new staff-approved COAs were issued since the last meeting including for a fence at 811 Clary St and for tuckpointing work at 710 Park Ave.

8. Committee Reports

Education and Outreach Committee: Commissioner Johnson discussed the progress made in the garden contest. She stated that the Landmarks Commission would have a table at the August 27, 2016 Beloit Farmers Market.

Grant Writing Committee: None

Site Visit Committee: None

9. Items for Future Agendas

None

10. Adjournment

Commissioners Vater and Vollmer moved to adjourn at 7:55 pm. Motion carried, 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alex Morganroth, Planner
Date Approved: August 11, 2016