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MEETING MINUTES
BELOIT LANDMARKS COMMISSION
Tuesday September 21, 2021, 7:00 PM
The City Hall Forum, 100 State Street
Beloit, WI 53511

1. Roll Call

Vice-Chairperson Blazer called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Commissioners Blazer, Ruffini, Gallagher, Bebow-Reinhard, and Councilor Blakeley were present. Commissioners Beckman, Carter, and McDaniel were absent.

2. Minutes of the August 17, 2021 Meeting

Councilor Blakeley moved to approve the draft minutes. Commissioner Ruffini seconded the motion. The motion passed, voice vote. (5-0)

3. Public Comments (None)

4. Certificates of Appropriateness

a. James Carson -Certificate of Appropriateness

COA-2021-23 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the detached garage on the property located at 417 Bluff Street.

Mr. Pennington read the staff report and recommendation. The applicant, James Carson, introduced himself and noted that he may not do the sidewalk on the north side as shown on the plan. Councilor Blakeley asked if the public sidewalk would be replaced, and the applicant stated that it would be replaced. Commissioner Ruffini asked the applicant why two overhead doors were needed, and the applicant responded that the second door was for ease of access for recreational vehicles. Commissioner Ruffini asked the applicant if there is a door and steps from the rear of the house to the new concrete walkway, and the applicant confirmed this. Commissioner Ruffini asked if the new driveway would be extended to the house, and the applicant confirmed this.

Councilor Blakeley moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness, subject to the conditions recommended by staff. Commissioner Bebow-Reinhard seconded the motion. The motion passed, voice vote. (5-0)

b. Robert Grabow -Certificate of Appropriateness

COA-2021-33 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness to install vinyl siding and repair the side porch on the residential structure and to demolish the accessory structure on the property located at 341 Vernon Avenue.

Mr. Pennington read the staff report and recommendation. The applicant, Robert Grabow, introduced himself. The Commission asked if the garage is historically significant, and the applicant stated his belief that it is not a true carriage house. Commissioner Gallagher asked the applicant what he would do following demolition, and the applicant stated that the footprint would be restored to grass. Commissioner Ruffini asked Mr. Pennington if removal of the garage would require the driveway to be paved, and Mr. Pennington replied that code did not require that, but that paving the driveway could be added as a condition of COA approval. Commissioner Bebow-Reinhard asked the applicant if he agrees with the staff recommendation, and he confirmed this.

Commissioner Bebow-Reinhard moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness, subject to the conditions recommended by staff. Councilor Blakeley seconded the motion. The motion passed, voice vote. (5-0)

5. Reports on Staff Activates

None

6. Adjournment

Commissioner Gallagher moved to adjourn at 7:25 PM. Commissioner Blazer seconded the motion. The motion passed, voice vote. (5-0)



Alex Blazer, Vice-Chairperson
Landmarks Commission