

FLINT HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2017

Commissioners Present

Dale Suomela, Chair
Heather Burnash, Vice-Chair
Michael Hurley
Maurice Davis
Stephanie Wright

Staff Present

Corey Christensen, Zoning Coordinator

ROLL CALL:

Chairman Suomela called the meeting to order at 5:49 p.m. Roll was taken and a quorum was present. The meeting was held in the Committee-of-the-Whole Room, 3rd Floor, Flint City Hall.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

There are no additions to the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

M/S – Wright/Burnash

Motion to adopt the meeting agenda.

Unanimously carried.

Minutes of Previous Meeting and Disposal

M/S – Davis/Burnash

Motion to adopt the previous meeting minutes from August 3rd, 2017.

Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Annie Gordon- regarding 310 E 14th Street.

Annie Gordon spoke regarding a blight issue located at 310 E 14th Street. The property has a history of blight issues and Ms. Gordon explained that trash is being stored along the curb. Staff will notify the Blight Division.

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS:

Applicant: Brenda Brockett

Location: 617 Lyon Pl., Parcel ID 40-12-476-020

Replace existing porch deck & Railing

Brenda Brockett spoke regarding her plans to update the existing porch so that it looks good and is sturdy and safe. Ms. Brockett provided photographs of the existing conditions.

Commissioner Soumela asked about the difference between the first and second drawing. Brenda Brockett provided two separate plans for her porch. The first drawing is a most standard design with simple 1 x 2 treated wood balusters. The second drawing is a more complicated design with 1 x 5 cedar saw cut balusters that she would prefer to do if she can find help.

Commissioner Soumela explained that the balusters must be placed less than four inches apart. Ms. Brockett is aware of this rule and promised her porch will comply with all building requirements to ensure it is safe.

Commissioner Burnash asked if the roof will have new tiles or if the existing tiles will be replaced. Ms. Brockett replied she will be reusing the existing materials. She will keep the existing columns as well. The only things that will be changing will be the railings and the steps. The spindles will be standard 1 x 2.

M/S – Wright/Davis

Motion to approve both designs for a replacement porch, decking, and railings.

Unanimously carried.

Applicant: Dan Luplow

Location: 712 Lyon Pl., parcel # 40-12-453-006

Replace railing

Dan Luplow gave an overview of the project. He will be installing a new railing that is made of steel. Mr. Luplow passed around an example of the material.

Commissioner Wright asked what was wrong with the existing railing. Mr. Luplow replied the building inspector did not approve the existing railing due to safety concerns.

M/S – Burnash/Wright

Motion to approve the application as presented

Unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Burnash drew attention to a portion of Saginaw Street that had worked on by the Department of Street Maintenance. The historic bricks were not replaced upon completion. Staff replied they would reach out to the Street Maintenance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Burnash drew attention to 1099 Manning Court which is slated for demolition by the Cultural Center. This address is part of the Historic District.

ADJOURNMENT:

M/S – Burnash/Davis

Unanimously carried

Adjourn at 6:33 p.m.