



Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes January 19, 2022

The Historic Preservation Commission met on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 6 pm at the City Council Chambers, 305 Gay Street.

The meeting was also broadcasted live on TownHallStreams.com.

Commissioners Attendance: Telephone Present: Chairman George Vojtech, Susan Morgan – Vice Chair, Comm. LaSara Kinser **Absent:** Comm. Bronte Lake and Sharon Smith

Other Representatives Attending:

Patricia Escher, Planning and Zoning, Division Manager and Carlene Shaw, HPC for the City (staff)

Chairman George Vojtech called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. He began the meeting by conducting a roll call, issuing a welcome, and explained to the applicants they would be sworn in as they were planning to testify.

Agenda

Agenda as presented.

Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes for January, February, March, April and May of 2021 were reviewed and a motion from Vice-Chair Morgan to approve and seconded by Comm. Kinser. All in favor.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

HPC 2022-038 – 101 Mill St – Replacement of garage doors – owner Mr. Steve Van Dorpe

Staff spoke that the owner would like to replace the garage doors with a carriage house panel type door with windows at the top.

Motion to approve HPC 2022-038 as presented by Chairman Vojtech and seconded by Vice-Chair Morgan. All in favor.

HPC 2022-039 – 317 Willis St – Replacement of the removed chimney – owner Gybeset Investment, LLC

Staff spoke that this applicant in November 2021 had administrative approval to repair the roof. At a later date, it was discovered that the chimney was removed without approval from the City

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or this Commission. Mrs. Escher, explained that the 2021 application was for a shingle replacement with in-kind and when the applicant got onto the roof, he discovered that his chimney was in disrepair and took it upon himself to remove the chimney. This was not part of his application and Staff cannot administratively approve the removal of a chimney, which has to come before this committee.

The owner recently bought the property and believes that it is in much worse shape than he thought. When his roof contractor was on the roof the chimney was falling onto them while they were fixing the shingles. They removed the portion of the chimney to finish fixing the roof. The chimney was removed all the way, because there was not a foundation to it.

Chairman Vojtech explained to the owner that in the Historic District that main house chimneys are not to be taken down. The exception could be a kitchen chimney that is usually in the rear of the home and does not have a fireplace to it.

Concerns from the Commissioners:

- To replace with a faux chimney that is held in place with a saddle in the attic and matches the original that was taken down.

Motion for HPC 2022-039 that the exterior portion of the chimney to be rebuilt in such a manor that it looks the same as the one removed and and to give the appearance of the original still being there, by Chair Vojtech and seconded by Vice-chair Morgan. All in favor.

Chairman Vojtech will get with the applicant and explain the concept and design of the faux chimney.

Administrative Approved: Each location below was Administratively Approved

125 Willis St – roof and porch flooring replacement

203 Belvedere Ave – roof replacement

Discussion Items:

None

Chairman Vojtech asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion by Vice-chair Morgan to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Chairman Vojtech and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Carlene Shaw, Planner 1- HPC

Signature George Vojtech Jr Date: 26 July 2022
HPC Chairman