MINUTES

HYBRID MEETING

October 21, 2024 6:00pm

Council Chambers, 4th Floor County-City Building, South Bend, IN

MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Wyncott - Vice President Michael Skaggs - Virtual Joan Downs-Krostenko –

Arch. Historian and Secretary
Peter DeKever

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sarah Andrews – President Andrew Jones – Treasurer ALSO PRESENT: Ross Van Overberghe Kate Himick

Local Landmark,

(Audio Position: 0:6:12)

John Dorbin Kelly Meehan

- I. CALL TO ORDER 6:00 pm
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. PUBLIC HEARING
 - a. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
 - i. 2024-0909 13546 Brick Road Ordinance #42-1976

The staff report was presented by:
Kate Himick, Historic Preservation Specialist

Staff Recommendation:

If constructed with care, the addition of a brick patio and entryway would be reversible additions to the historic site. Staff recommends that the proposed brick patio entryway minimize or avoid damage to the existing historic brick of the east facade. The entryway could be attached to mortar joints along the existing wall or, preferably, employ a free-standing means of support rather than attaching to the house. Additionally, it is the opinion of staff that Style 2 is more in keeping with the home's Italianate architecture than Style 1.

The repairs necessary to stabilize the brick outhouse would require the replacement of more than half the historic bricks. Several parts of the structure are missing a substantial amount of bricks, and despite the property owner's attempts to support the structure, regular maintenance is no longer enough to save it. Staff recommends the deconstruction of the brick outhouse, provided that any usable bricks are repurposed as part of the proposed patio or for other purposes on site.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADMINISTRATOR

Staff makes a **FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION** for both projects provided that the brick patio entryway avoids damage to the exterior walls of the home and that usable bricks from the outhouse are repurposed.

The applicant was represented by:

Alexander Horvath, 13546 Brick Road

The public was represented by:

There was no one from the public to speak in regard to this application.

After due consideration the following action was taken:

Upon a motion by Joan Downs-Krostenko, seconded by Michael Skaggs, and carried by UNANIMOUS vote, the Historic Preservation Commission APPROVES Certificate of Appropriateness Application #2024-0909.

Vote: 4-0. Four in favor, none opposed.

COA#2024-0909 is APPROVED.

ii. 2024-0910 1345 East Wayne Street Ordinance #7796-87 East Wayne Street LHD, (Audio Position: 0:13:00)

The staff report was presented by:

Kate Himick, Historic Preservation Specialist

Staff Recommendation:

Staff would be comfortable with the replacement of the existing plywood soffit provided that the new aluminum soffit be recessed to mimic the look of the current soffit on the central block and southwest wing. Staff consider this change in material acceptable should the visual appearance remain consistent.

The recessed soffit is one of the styled details of this mid-century home and creates additional shadows along the main facade that add aesthetic value. Staff makes a **FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION** on the CONDITION that the replacement soffit be recessed as the current soffit is.

The applicant was represented by:

James Spillman, South Bend Roofing Co., 1138 West Washington Street The public was represented by:

There was no one from the public to speak in regard to this application.

After due consideration the following action was taken:

Upon a motion by Peter DeKever, seconded by Michael Skaggs, and carried by vote, the Historic Preservation Commission APPROVES Certificate of Appropriateness Application #2024-0910.

Vote: 3-1. Three in favor, one opposed.

COA#2024-0910 is APPROVED with the condition that the center section have recessed soffit and remanding to staff the details of the soffit of the one-story wings section of the house.

iii. 2024-1007 215 East Bronson Street Taylor's Field LHD,
Ordinance #8952-98 (Audio Position: 0:33:10)

The staff report was presented by:

Ross Van Overberghe, Historic Preservation Administrator

Staff Recommendation:

More than 50% of the windows are gone or damaged or have been replaced by vinyl. This house would benefit from new windows and

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doors bringing life back to a property on a block with 3 vacant and boarded homes. Staff make an **UNFAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION** for vinyl replacement windows.

Staff make a **FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION** for aluminum clad wood windows and doors as proposed. Intact windows shall be removed and donated or saved on the premises.

The applicant was represented by:

Phil St. Clair, 1316 Hampshire Drive

The public was represented by:

There was no one from the public to speak in regard to this application.

After due consideration the following action was taken:

Upon a motion by Joan Downs-Krostenko, seconded by Peter DeKever, and carried by UNANIMOUS vote, the Historic Preservation Commission APPROVES Certificate of Appropriateness Application #2024-1007-1.

Vote: 4-0. Four in favor, none opposed.

COA#2024-1007-1 is APPROVED with the condition that when the vinyl windows fail they cannot be approved with a like for like replacement with vinyl windows.

After due consideration the following action was taken:

Upon a motion by Joan Downs-Krostenko, seconded by Michael Skaggs, and carried by UNANIMOUS vote, the Historic Preservation Commission APPROVES Certificate of Appropriateness Application #2024-1007-2.

Vote: 4-0. Four in favor, none opposed.

COA#2024-1007-2 is APPROVED with the details remanded to staff.

- b. NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATION
- c. LOCAL LANDMARK NOMINATION
- IV. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR
- V. REGULAR BUSINESS
 - a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - September 18, 2024 minutes (Audio Position: 0:53:20)
 Upon a motion by Joan Downs-Krostenko, seconded by David Wyncott, and UNANIMOUSLY carried by vote, the minutes from the September 18, 2024 Historic Preservation Commission are approved.
 - b. STAFF REPORTS
 - i. Administrative Approvals
 - c. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - No committees have met since the previous meeting.
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
- VII. NEW BUSINESS

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- VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS
 - a. Story Map of Ten Most Endangered of 2024
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Peter DeKever, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Joan Downs-Krostenko Arch. Historian/ Secretary Date

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