

MINUTES

**TOWN OF NORMAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
UPTOWN STATION, 3rd FLOOR (Union Pacific Room)
11 UPTOWN CIRCLE
NORMAL, ILLINOIS**

**RESCHEDULED MEETING
December 10, 2013
11:30 a.m.**

Members Present

Nancy Armstrong, Laurie Christensen, Anne Matter, Bob Ward, and Bruce Warloe

Members Absent

Kristen Allen, Kathy Burgess

Others Present

Mercy Davison, Town Planner; Thomas Burr, owner of 702 Normal Ave.

Call to Order

Ms. Matter called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. noting that there was a quorum

Minutes

Ms. Armstrong moved to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2013 meeting. Mr. Warloe seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

CA-13-12-32: Outdoor Lights, 702 Normal Ave.

Mr. Burr explained his proposal to add two outdoor lights to the exterior of his detached garage at 702 Normal Avenue. The lights are motion-detectors and intended for safety and security. The proposed fixture is generally the same style as the existing front and rear door lights, neither of which match each other exactly.

Mr. Ward asked if the new lights would be the same size as the existing. Mr. Burr said the size is similar, although the new proposed lights are a bit larger.

Ms. Armstrong moved to approve the lights. Ms. Christensen seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Matter noted that Mr. Burr is a new homeowner in the district, and she asked him if he had any additional questions for the commissions.

Mr. Burr asked if he needed approval to remove the extra pavement that had been added to the 2-car driveway. Ms. Matter said no, although in some cases the commission does need to review driveway alterations.

Mr. Burr asked if he needed approval to remove the flagstone walkway in his front yard. Ms. Matter said it is likely not original and would be considered part of the landscaping, which the commission does not review.

Mr. Burr asked if he needed approval to add handrails to the front steps. Ms. Matter said yes and that many other homes have installed handrails with commission approval. Ms. Davison will send examples of handrails to Mr. Burr.

Other Business

1. Ms. Davison noted that she had attended the annual meeting of the Illinois Association of Historic Preservation Commissions the previous Saturday in Springfield. She came away with several interesting ideas on how to promote preservation.
2. Ms. Davison also noted that the 150th anniversary of the Town of Normal is in 2014. Ms. Matter asked that members of the commission be asked to participate in the event committee and suggested that staff find the oldest standing structure in Normal in order to contemplate historic designation.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mercy Davison
Town Planner