

MINUTES

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

**REGULAR MEETING
December 9, 2014
12:30 p.m.**

Members Present

Kristen Allen, Nancy Armstrong, Kathy Burgess, Anne Matter, and Bruce Warloe

Members Absent

Laurie Christensen and Bob Ward

Others Present

Mercy Davison, Town Planner; Matthew Keegan, 601 Normal Ave.

Call to Order

Mr. Warloe 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 11, 2014 meeting. Ms. Allen seconded. The motion carried 4-0. Ms. Matter had not yet arrived.

CA-14-12-31: 601 Normal Ave., New Storm Door

Ms. Davison explained that the homeowner would like to add a metal storm door at the front entrance. Ms. Armstrong moved to approve. Ms. Burgess seconded. The commissioners then discussed the item.

Ms. Armstrong asked when the previous metal door had been removed. Mr. Keegan, the homeowner, answered that it had been removed prior to their purchase of the home approximately a year ago. Ms. Davison noted that the previous metal door had been in place in a 2010 photo.

Mr. Armstrong asked when the district was established. Ms. Davison said it was approximately 2003 and that the previous metal door had been in place at the time of designation.

The commissioners asked if Mr. Keegan had considered a wood storm door. He said he had checked on a wood door, but the cost was too high. Ms. Burgess asked if the Bone Grant could bring the cost down enough. He said no because the estimate from Prairie Woodworks (local company) was \$2,000 and the estimate from Vintage Doors (online) was \$1,000. A metal door from a local store

would be just over \$300. Ms. Armstrong said she has purchased three wood storm doors from Vintage at a price comparable to a metal door; however, she was not sure if her doors were a more standard size than Mr. Keegan's.

Mr. Warloe noted that as this is a like-with-like situation, Mr. Keegan is entitled to install a metal door.

The commissioners voted 4-0 to approve the door. Ms. Matter arrived after the vote.

Other Business

1. Ms. Davison asked if the commissioners would be interested in a tour of the Immanuel Bible Foundation at the next meeting. They said yes.
2. Ms. Davison noted that she is preparing the historic landmark designation application for the IBF. The commissioners asked if the designation could correspond with the Town's 150th celebration in 2015.
3. Ms. Davison said Town staff is following up on the unauthorized vinyl window installation at 509 N. School.
4. Ms. Davison updated the commission on the 150th. She mentioned the planned Uptown event, lecture series, and banner display. The commissioners encouraged Ms. Davison to reach out to the Normalite for historic photos and to ensure that historic architecture is addressed in the banner display. Ms. Matter is serving on the 150th committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mercy Davison
Town Planner