

## MINUTES

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

**REGULAR MEETING  
March 10, 2015  
12:30 p.m.**

### **Members Present**

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

### **Members Absent**

Laurie Christensen

### **Others Present**

Mercy Davison, Town Planner; Matt Klotzbach, Planning Intern; Beth and Frank Cowie, 17 Clinton Place

### **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 December 9, 2014 meeting. Ms. Burgess seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

### **CA-15-03-02: 17 Clinton Place, New Garage Door**

Ms. Davison explained that the new homeowners – Frank and Beth Cowie – would like to replace the existing, nonhistoric fiberglass garage door with a wood door matching the architectural style of the house. The door is a narrow one-car width. The Cowies had submitted four options, only one of which was solid wood. All three of the foam-core, wood veneer doors had windows with square grilles at the top; the wood door option could only accommodate clear panes of glass across the top with no grilles.

The commissioners agreed that any of the four styles would be appropriate for the house. They agreed that the wood veneer or solid wood would be appropriate given that the owners would be entitled to put up a new fiberglass door. (They noted that when reviewing such a project for a Bone Grant, the commission may require solid wood.)

Ms. Armstrong moved to approve any of the four door designs. Mr. Ward seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

**BG-15-03-01: 17 Clinton Place, New Garage Door**

The Cowies also submitted a Bone Grant to offset the cost of the new garage door. Regardless of the style of door, the Cowies plan to paint it in colors to match the exterior of the house.

Ms. Matter explained the overall Bone Grant process to the Cowies and encouraged them to look into grants for future exterior projects. Ms. Davison noted that the new fiscal year starts April 1, which would be when the Cowies would qualify for two more grants.

The commissioners discussed whether or not the door should be solid wood in order to receive a grant. They asked Ms. Davison if grants had been given for doors with a wood veneer. She said yes, that in cases in which the existing door was a nonhistoric material (and thus the wood veneer was a significant upgrade), the commission had supported a wood veneer. She said typically when replacing a wood door, the new door must be solid wood.

The commissioners agreed that the preferred door style was the version offered by the Door Doctor, which also happens to be the lowest cost of the wood veneer doors.

Ms. Burgess moved to approve a Bone Grant for the wood veneer garage door option offered by the Door Doctor in the amount of \$789.50 (½ of \$1,579). Ms. Allen seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

**CA-15-03-03: 17 Clinton Place, New Rear Door**

Ms. Davison explained that the existing rear door is wood but not historic. It is badly deteriorated, and the Cowies stated that it can hardly be shut and locked. They purchased a solid wood door with a window from the Old House Society and would like to install it.

The commissioners noted that it could have qualified for a grant, although the Cowies may not want to use one of their two-per-year Bone Grants on a project with such a low cost. The Cowies agreed.

Ms. Allen moved to approve the door, and Ms. Armstrong seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

**Other Business**

There was no additional business discussed.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mercy Davison  
Town Planner