

MINUTES
TOWN OF NORMAL
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING (Online)
May 11, 2021
12:30 p.m.

Members Present

Nancy Armstrong, Kathy Burgess, Todd Bugg, Anne Matter, Chris Niebur

Members Absent

None

Others Present

Taylor Long, Associate Planner; Jason Querciagrossa, Deputy Corporation Counsel; Andrew Valicka, I&T Support Technician; Alondre Wilson, I&T Support Technician; Jim Sikora, 13 Broadway Place; Alex Hess, Contractor for 13 Broadway Place; Chris Usler, MacRostie Historic Advisors for 905 N Main Street; Tim Ryan, Developer for 905 N Main Street

Call to Order

Ms. Matter called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. noting that there was a quorum of the commission present.

Minutes

Ms. Armstrong moved to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2021, regular meeting. Mr. Bugg seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

CA-21-05-06: Window Replacement, 13 Broadway Place

The applicant and homeowner, Mr. Sikora, summarized the need for the replacement of his home's mix of deteriorated original and replacement windows and storms. Mr. Long summarized staff's positive opinion of the proposal and explained that in talking to Mr. Hess, contractor for the project, staff confirmed that the home's stained-glass windows would not be removed/replaced and that the unique, cross-hashed upper sashes of numerous replacement windows would be custom made to match the original windows currently present. Commissioners expressed no opposition to the proposal.

Ms. Burgess moved to approve the application for window replacement at 13 Broadway Place. Mr. Niebur seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

NRR-21-05-01: National Register Nomination Review, 905 N Main Street

Mr. Long summarized the process by which local governments like the Town of Normal, which are considered a Certified Local Government by the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office, are asked to provide a recommendation in support or opposition of any local property considered for listing on the National Register of Historic Places to the State of Illinois and, ultimately, the U.S. National Park Service. Mr. Long then introduced Mr. Usler, a representative for the historic consulting firm responsible for the crafting of the National Register nomination for the Fairview Sanitorium located at 905 N Main Street.

Mr. Usler provided the commission with an in-depth summary of the criteria for which the property was being nominated for inclusion on the Nation Register and shared historical and present-day images of the property. Town staff and the commission thanked Mr. Usler for his presentation and expressed great appreciation for the property's upcoming restoration as part of a future development of affordable, age-restricted housing on the site.

Ms. Armstrong moved that the commission submit a recommendation in support of the National Register of Historic Places nomination for 905 N Main Street, Fairview Sanitorium, to the Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council. Ms. Burgess seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0. Mr. Bugg left the meeting prior to the vote.

Other Business

Mr. Long stated that Zachary Boerger stepped down from the Historic Preservation Commission. Mr. Long explained that there were two open positions on the commission and that anyone interested in serving should contact Town staff or the commission.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Taylor Long
Associate Planner