MINUTES

TOWN OF NORMAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION INSPECTIONS CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL 100 EAST PHOENIX AVENUE NORMAL, ILLINOIS

REGULAR MEETING January 10, 2012 12:30 p.m.

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Kristen Allen, Matt Felumlee, Bob Ward

Others Present

Mercy Davison, Town Planner; Bill Morgan, 603 N. School; Ellen Miller MacCannell, Resident

Call to Order

Ms. Matter called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m. noting that there was no quorum but that Mr. Warloe was known to be coming late. He arrived at 12:55 p.m.

Minutes

Ms. Armstrong moved to approve the November 14th rescheduled meeting minutes as submitted. Ms. Burgess seconded. The motion carried 3-0.

CA-12-01-01: 603 N. School, Garage Addition

The commissioners asked the owner, Bill Morgan, for clarification about the project. Mr. Morgan stated that the existing roof will remain and that an addition will be built onto it. The new shingles will cover the entire roof structure, which will have the same hip roof design. The addition will be all stucco.

Mr. Morgan asked for advice on stucco contractors. Ms. Davison said Mel Wollenschlager does stucco work but is semi-retired. The commissioners said Mel has potentially been training his nephew. Mr. Warloe said Associated Constructors does stucco as well.

The commissioners discussed the garage door options. The existing 2-car garage door is white vinyl-clad steel. The design is very plain – four flat panels with no embellishment. The options for the new 1-car garage are 1) a matching vinyl-clad door with the same appearance, 2) a wood door that does not match exactly, or 3) matching new wood doors on both sides.

The commissioners stated that they have consistently required wood doors on new construction. This, however, is an existing garage and an existing third stall (albeit without a door). In this case, because the existing door is vinyl-clad, Ms. Matter stated that the third stall door could be considered like-with-like. In addition, the commission cannot require Mr. Morgan to replace the existing vinyl-clad door, and having a result of mismatched garage doors is undesirable.

Mr. Warloe said if both doors are new wood doors, they would qualify for a Bone Grant.

Ms. Miller MacCannell asked if a new wood door would require new support within the older part of the garage. Mr. Warloe said it was possible.

Mr. Morgan noted that he had also investigated doors with more design flair, but they didn't seem to match the plain style of his house.

Ms. Burgess moved to approve a new vinyl-clad door with the same design as the existing door, and Ms. Armstrong seconded. The motion carried 4-0. Ms. Matter again emphasized that the decision to permit vinyl was based on the existing vinyl-clad door and the existence of the third, unenclosed garage stall, which makes it akin to a like-with-like situation.

Other Business

No other business was discussed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mercy Davison Town Planner