

HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

AUGUST 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ruth Lucius. Commission members present were Dennis Barrett, Rick Butera, Ruth Lucius, Ted Rogers and Robert Seyfang (5). Alex Heard was absent (1). Also present was Mark Easterling, Zoning Inspector.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Seyfang moved to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2016 meeting as written. Mr. Barrett seconded and they were unanimously approved.

APPLICATION, 15-16 –Luke Batman is requesting a certificate of appropriateness for the construction of a six (6) foot fence to be constructed in his rear yard. The property is located at 209 E. Second Street and is zoned “R-4” (Single Family Residential).

Mr. Easterling reviewed Application 15-16. Liz Batman was in attendance. She said that it is actually a 5’ fence with a 4” trellis. Mr. Barrett asked if it would be in the backyard or around the whole house. Ms. Batman said that they are doing their backyard because they have kids. Mr. Seyfang commented that there are a lot of similar fences in the Historic District. Ms. Lucius stated that she has no issues with the solid stockade, but just as a point of information she wanted Ms. Batman to be aware that she would lose some airflow.

Mr. Seyfang moved to approve Application 15-16. Mr. Rogers seconded and it was unanimously approved.

APPLICATION, 16-16 –Ryan and Suzanne Baker are requesting a certificate of appropriateness for the construction of a second story addition to the home. The property is located at 521 E. Second Street and is zoned “R-3” (Single Family Residential).

Mr. Easterling reviewed Application 16-16. Ms. Baker said that nothing will be visible from the front of the house. They are raising the roof to allow a walk-in shower to be installed. Mr. Seyfang asked if they have vinyl on their house now. Ms. Baker said that they do and the addition will match the existing. Mr. Butera said that he is concerned about the roof line and the historical nature of the home, and he would like to see what it will look like. Mr. Seyfang stated that sometimes if you move the addition back a couple of feet you can maintain the same eave line. Mr. Butera said that they don’t necessarily need to lose square footage to keep the roof line and maintain the historic value of the home. He said that without seeing the builder’s drawings you can’t tell what it will look like.

Mr. Barrett said that he thinks the value of the house is better with the walk-in shower as opposed to continuing the roof line. He moved to approve the application as submitted. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Seyfang moved to table Application 16-16 until the Commission can see builder's drawings of what the addition will look like. Mr. Butera seconded. Ayes: Butera, Lucius, Rogers, Seyfang (4). Nays: Barrett (1).

APPLICATION, 17-16 –David Wilson of Start to Finish Services is requesting a certificate of appropriateness for the construction of two windows on the first floor of the south side of the building. The property is located at 220 Louisiana Ave and is zoned "C-2" (Central Business).

Mr. Easterling reviewed Application 17-16. Keith Tammarine was present on behalf of the applicant. He said that he is in charge of the restoration project at Perrysburger's. Mr. Seyfang asked if the boarded up windows will be replaced. Mr. Tammarine said that all the windows are being replaced, this application is for two additional windows on the first floor of the south side of the building. Ms. Lucius asked how high up the windows will be and Mr. Tammarine said five feet. Mr. Seyfang said that it is very dark in that building. Mr. Tammarine said the goal is to match the windows on the front of the building. Mr. Butera asked if there will be grids and Mr. Tammarine said there will be. Mr. Seyfang asked if they are wood windows and Mr. Tammarine said that all the existing windows in the building are vinyl so they want to go with vinyl windows from Vinyl Design which is a local company. Mr. Seyfang asked if they have looked at fiberglass which are more expensive, but better. Mr. Barrett said that he thinks the building will look better with the additional windows.

Mr. Barrett moved to approve Application 17-16 as submitted. Mr. Seyfang seconded and it was unanimously approved.

APPLICATION, 18-16 –Larry Hutson is requesting a certificate of appropriateness to keep the existing pergola in the rear yard. The property is located at 215 W. Second Street and is zoned "R-3" (Single Family Residential).

Mr. Easterling reviewed Application 18-16. Mr. Seyfang asked Mr. Hutson if the pergola was installed without a permit. Mr. Hutson said that it was. He purchased the kit from Costco. It is cedar with a metal roof and he didn't know something like that would need to be approved. Mr. Butera asked if it is a temporary structure. Mr. Hutson said it is not permanently affixed. Mr. Easterling was asked if there were any complaints about the structure and he explained that it was found during routine inspections.

Mr. Seyfang moved to approve Application 18-16 as submitted. Mr. Barrett seconded. Ayes: Barrett, Lucius, Rogers, Seyfang (4). Nays: Butera (1).

APPLICATION, 19-16 –Maija Fish is requesting a certificate of appropriateness for the construction of a covered front porch, the addition of a circular window above the front door, and three dormer windows to be added to the roof. The property is located at 5 Maple Street and is zoned "R-1" (Single Family Residential).

Mr. Easterling reviewed Application 19-16. Sean Hester of Sean Patrick Builders was present on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Hester stated that the property owner feels it is a better architectural fit with dormers and they will be using Marvin windows. Mr. Butera asked how far out the porch goes and Mr. Hester said about six feet. Mr. Seyfang asked if they had considered square columns as opposed to round. Mr. Hester said that he agrees square columns would look better. Ms. Lucius said that the house is not that large for all the windows. Mr. Seyfang asked what will be on the third floor and Mr. Hester said that it will be a kids' playroom.

Mr. Seyfang moved to approve Application 19-16 with the condition that they use square columns instead of round and that they not put in the round window unless the homeowner insists. Mr. Barrett seconded and it was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Sutton