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## MINUTES

CITY OF MILWAUKEE

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

\*\*Tuesday, January 20, 2009, 3:00 PM

Room 301A, Milwaukee City Hall

**Pat Balon, Chair**

**Matt Jarosz, Vice Chair**

**Sandy Ackerman, Ald. Robert Bauman,**

**Randy Bryant, Sandra McSweeney, Ann Pieper Eisenbrown**

### 1. ROLL CALL

Chair Pat Balon called the meeting to order at 3:02 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Sandy Ackerman, Pat Balon, Ald. Bauman, Randy Bryant, Matt Jarosz, Ann Pieper Eisenbrown

Commissioners Excused: Sandra McSweeney

Staff Present: Carlen Hatala, Paul Jakubovich, Vanessa Koster

Pat Balon welcomed new commissioner Randy Bryant.

### 2. MINUTES

**Approval of the December 15, 2008 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes**

**THE MOTION: Ald. Bauman moved and Matt Jarosz seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2008 meeting. The motion carried.**

### 3. CONSENT AGENDA

None

### 4. PUBLIC HEARING

None

### 5. OLD BUSINESS

**A. Property Owner wants to address the commission regarding the November 10, 2008 denial of the Certificate of Appropriateness for aluminum trim installed without a COA at 3123-25 N. Sherman Boulevard. (Note: this is not an appeal of the decision)**

The owner was not present to address the commission. Ald. Bauman questioned whether or not the time had passed for an appeal and staff Carlen Hatala replied that the time for an appeal had expired. Ald. Bauman was concerned that the commission would be setting a precedent. Ms. Hatala added that the matter would be discussed with Vanessa Koster. The commission took no action on this item.

### 6. NEW BUSINESS

**A. Review of replacement of front door and sidelights at 135 W. Reservoir Ave. installed without a Certificate of Appropriateness. (Brewers Hill Historic District) (6th Ald. District)**

Staff Paul Jakubovich reviewed the project. In a past COA it was specifically called out that the front door and sidelights were not to be removed. They were character-defining elements of this Civil War era house. The owner had not applied for a COA to make the change. A neighbor reported the change to the Department of Neighborhood Services.

The owner was not present.

Matt Jarosz asked whether or not this was the only inconsistency and the only violation on the property. Mr. Jakubovich replied that the front porch roof was rebuilt differently from the original. Randy Bryant asked when the violation occurred. Mr. Jakubovich replied it had been recent.

**THE MOTION: Matt Jarosz made a motion to deny the inappropriate replacement front door and install a door and sidelights appropriate to the age of the house. Sandy Ackerman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

**B. Election of Vice-Chair to Chair and Election of new Vice-Chair for 2009**

**THE MOTION: Sandy Ackerman moved and Randy Bryant seconded a motion to have vice chair Matt Jarosz move into the position of chair for 2009. The motion carried unanimously.**

Pat Balon asked if there were any nominations for vice chair.

**THE MOTION: Randy Bryant moved to nominate Ald. Bauman as vice chair. There was no second to the motion. The motion failed.**

**THE MOTION: Sandy Ackerman moved to nominate Sandra McSweeney as vice chair. Ann Pieper Eisenbrown seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

**C. Reappointment of Matt Jarosz to the Historic Third Ward Architectural Review Board.**

**THE MOTION: Ald. Bauman moved and Randy Bryant seconded a motion to reappoint Matt Jarosz as the HPC representative to the Historic Third Ward Architectural Review Board. The motion carried unanimously.**

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Update on Sydney Hih Interim Designation Petition (the applicant has withdrawn his petition for Interim Designation)**

Staff Carlen Hatala reported that the nominator had withdrawn his petition for interim designation. Ald. Bauman asked if that were still possible given the fact that the HPC

had opened a public hearing on the matter. Staff Carlen Hatala said the department could check on that process. Ald. Bauman indicated that since the development for that property fell through, now was the time to protect the Sydney Hih/Senn Building. Pat Balon added that all the work had been done researching the building already. Ms. Hatala indicated that a public hearing could not be held at this meeting because of the requirement for 25 days notice. To meet the notification deadline for the next HPC meeting of February 16, 2009, a new petition would have to be submitted this week.

**B. Staff updates on preservation projects.**

Staff Paul Jakubovich showed before and after images of projects at 928 E. Brady Street, 1934 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, 1948 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, 221 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, and 934 N. 34<sup>th</sup> Street. These might be considered for a Cream of the Cream City/Mayor's Urban Design award. Pat Balon requested that the addresses be forwarded to the commission members.

**C. Wadsworth House Update**

Ald. Bauman asked staff to report on the status of this property. Staff Paul Jakubovich indicated that the HPC had denied a COA for demolition and that the owner had appealed. ZND upheld the denial. Pat Balon, Matt Jarosz and neighbors turned out to support the building's preservation. Randy Bryant asked whether or not Neighborhood House would want to sell the building.

**D. Gipfel Brewery Update**

Staff Paul Jakubovich reported that there had been a person who expressed interest in the Gipfel to the Department of City Development but nothing definite had happened yet. Randy Bryant asked whether or not there were any state guidelines about how long the building could sit on the flatbed. Mr. Jakubovich replied that the Department of Neighborhood Services had issues since bricks are falling. They are hoping to have the corners shored up.

**E. Recap of City Hall Rededication**

Pat Balon reported that the posters and visuals were good and that the salvaged artifacts might be loaned to the Milwaukee County Historical Society to be on display. Ald. Bauman indicated that the city wants to control the artifacts so he'd prefer the artifacts to be shown at Central Library. Vanessa Koster said she would check with the Department of Public Works about lending artifacts to Milwaukee Public Library.

**F. Cream of the Cream City, nominee ideas and volunteers to review submissions**

Pat Balon expressed her concern that the preservation awards not get lost within the Mayor's Design Awards since the commission awards projects that go beyond simple rehab to exhibit finesse and follow appropriate restoration/rehabilitation practices.

Vanessa Koster said that the old criteria will still apply.

Sandy Ackerman, Randy Bryant and Pat Balon volunteered to screen the submissions.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**THE MOTION: There being no further business, Ald. Bauman moved and Matt Jarosz seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 3:42 P.M.**