SPRINGFIELD HISTORIC COMMISSION
Minutes: November 20, 2018

Present: Bruce Berg
Tim Hilton
Drew Larson (Commission Staff)
Mackenzie Karp
Kristina Koenig
Jonathan Siegle
Jenna Fribley
Jim Straub (guest)

Excused Absence: Leslie Jehnings

Where: Jesse Main Conference Room

Date/ Call to Order: 11/20/2018 at 1:00pm

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ITEM 1: Call to Order

The meeting formally began with the Chair (Bruce Berg) calling the meeting to order.

ITEM 2: Public Comment

Julie Whalen attended and provided comment regarding her business of historic/wood window restoration located in the City of Springfield.

ITEM 3: Approval of Minutes

Action before the Commission was to review and approve, or approve with changes the minutes from the meeting on September, 25 2018. The minutes were not prepared due to staffing changes, to be reviewed and approved at the Jan. 29, 2019 meeting.

ITEM 4: Land Use Applications

1. Application 811-18-000188-TYP2 – *Comment Provided:*

   The 2003 Springfield Historic Design Guidelines layout guidelines for additions and alterations and should be considered with all projects within the Washburne Historic District. The general guidelines are to base rehabilitation and restoration of solid historical documentation; repair, rather than replace, and whenever possible match the original color of the building to its historic colors.

   The guidelines go further stating that additions should be both compatible in design, but distinguishable from the original portion of the building. Compatible materials and construction techniques should be considered.

   In addition, there are guidelines for roofs and dormers which state that new dormers should have the same character as the existing roof and should be designed in proportion to the roof area and other windows.

   Based on these guidelines, the Historic Commission has the following comments.

- The HC encourages the owner to construct the ADU to be both compatible in design, but distinguishable from the original portion of the building. Compatible materials and construction techniques should be considered.
- The HC recommends using distinguishable materials for both the new entrance area and the new dormer.

2. Application 811-18-000190-TYP2 (Chimney Replacement) – *Comment Provided:*

The 2003 Springfield Historic Design Guidelines layout guidelines for additions and alterations and should be considered with all projects within the Washburne Historic District. The general guidelines are to respect the original style and period of construction and respect the evolution of the building within its period of historic significance: some alterations gain significance in their own right; repair, rather than replace, if repair is not an option then the element should be accurately reproduced based on historic research; and whenever possible match the original color of the building to its historic colors.

In addition, the guidelines go further stating that additions should be both compatible in design, but distinguishable from the original portion of the building. Compatible materials and construction techniques should be considered.

Based on these guidelines, the Historic Commission has the following comments.

- The HC encourages the owner to retain and repair the existing chimney as it has gained significance in its own right.
- If retention is not an option, the HC encourages the siding restoration to be both compatible in design, but distinguishable from the original portion of the building

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ITEM 5: Admin School District Façade Retention

The HC discussed the importance of maintaining the historic façade with any proposed project.

ITEM 8: Commission Website

Staff brought up the out of date website and the commission responded that a new website has long been a discussion point and that we are still waiting on an update. Commission directed staff to update with at least current information.

ITEM 9: Staff Updates

None