

**MINUTES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

June 23, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order on Thursday, June 23, 2016 at 6:48 p.m. by Chairman Barbara Buschman.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Buschman, Batistich, Schwartz and Yates present. Heather Valone, Village Planner, and Ronald Stapleton, Trustee Liaison, were also present.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Batistich, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2016 meeting. Voice vote: 4 ayes. Motion passed.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

V. PUBLIC HEARING

VI. APPLICATIONS

**A. Certificate of Appropriateness – Siding
302 Main Street (Main Inn)**

Heather Valone presented the application on behalf of the applicant and demonstrated a sample of the siding selected: a vinyl shake siding with a vertical application, intended to replace siding from grade (sidewalk) to the overhang on the front façade only of the building. The current siding is aluminum and is damaged. Ms. Yates stated that the building has a historic significance in its continued use as a tavern for over a century, and felt that the siding selected by the applicant was not appropriate for the building. Mr. Batistich concurred stating that a horizontally oriented siding would be the most appropriate for the building, either a dipped cedar (Mr. Schwartz's suggestion) or a cement board siding in a complimentary color to the rest of the building. The commission felt that the shake sample submitted might be better suited to the overhang.

Motion by Ms. Yates, seconded by Mr. Batistich to approve the siding at 302 Main Street (Main Inn) per the sample submitted. Roll call: Buschman, no; Batistich, no; Schwartz, no; Yates, no. Motion failed to carry.

B. Certificate of Appropriateness for a Deck at 230 E. Illinois Street.

Heather Valone presented the application on behalf of the owner. Material submitted with the application stated that the previous structure had been removed because the wood had rotted. The application presented requests replacement of that structure, which in essence serves as a front stoop for the primary entry to the building, with a set of stairs serving the entry from the front sidewalk. No rails are proposed due to the function of the structure. The slope of the lot is severe, and after discussing all aspects of the replacement deck structure, the commission determined that the deck was necessary for full access to the residence and the rear yard.

Motion by Mr. Batistich, seconded by Ms. Buschman, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the replacement deck, per the application submitted and dated 6/6/16. Voice vote: 4 ayes. Motion passed.

C. Certificate of Appropriateness – Replacement Windows (3) at 709 Singer Avenue.

The applicant withdrew the application prior to the meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

VIII. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR COMMENTS

A. Update: Application for Certificate of Economic Hardship - St. James Academy

The appeal of the Commission's denial of the Certificate of Economic Hardship was filed by the Archdiocese of Chicago on June 11. The appeal will be referred to the Village Board for final decision, most likely at the July 11 Village Board meeting.

Village Staff prepared Findings of Fact at the close of the public hearing, and presented the document to the Commission for review. After reviewing the 8 findings in the document, a motion was made by Ms. Yates, seconded by Mr. Batistich, to accept the findings of fact to be forwarded to the Village Board. Voice vote: 4 ayes. Motion passed

IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

X. ADJOURN

Motion by Ms. Buschman, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Voice vote: 4 ayes. Meeting adjourned.