



Meeting Minutes

Historic Preservation Commission

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Thursday, July 13, 2023

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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**Special Meeting**

TO PROVIDE LIVE PUBLIC COMMENT, TESTIMONY, OR TO CROSS-EXAMINE WITNESSES DURING THE MEETING: To address the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) in-person during the meeting in Meeting Room B, members of the public will be called on during the meeting by the Chairman.

TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS OR MATERIALS:

1. You may submit written comments to [planning@naperville.il.us](mailto:planning@naperville.il.us) in advance of the meeting. (Please note, because emailed written comments are available for advance review by the HPC, they will not be read into the record during the HPC hearing). Below are the deadlines for written comments provided in advance of the meeting:
  - Written comments received by 5:00 p.m. the Thursday before the meeting, will be included in the meeting packet sent to the HPC. This meeting packet is also posted on the City's website.
  - Written comments received after 5:00 p.m. the Thursday before the meeting, through 5:00 p.m. the day before the meeting, will be emailed directly to the HPC, but will not be included in the HPC packet or posted online.
  - Written comments received after 5:00 p.m. the day before the meeting, will be added to the case file.

PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION:

Any individual who may require an accommodation to listen to or participate in the meeting should contact the Community Services Department at (630) 305-5300 as soon as possible, but no later than by 5 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

The citizen participation guidelines are outlined in 1-5-6-6: - CITIZEN PARTICIPATION of the Naperville Municipal Code.

- ALL VIEWPOINTS AND OPINIONS WELCOME: All viewpoints are welcome, positive comments and constructive criticism are encouraged. Speakers must refrain from harassing or directing threats or personal attacks at Commission members, staff, other speakers or members of the public. Comments made to intentionally disrupt the meeting may be managed as necessary to maintain appropriate decorum and allow for city business to be accomplished.
- The HPC will call on you at the appropriate time during the meeting to speak. Once you are called on, you may identify yourself for the public record and address remarks to the Historic Preservation Commission as a whole. Speak clearly and try to limit remarks directly to the matter under discussion.

**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

**B. ROLL CALL:**

**Present: Brown, Garrison, Vice Chairwoman Ory, Robbins, Santucci, Wills, Councilman Kelly (non-voting), Sack (non-voting)**  
**Absent: Fawell, Chairman Jacks**

**C. PUBLIC FORUM:**

Philip Buchanan, speaking on behalf of Naperville Preservation, shared information on a potential future training opportunity that Plainfield will be hosting in 2024. Buchanan also shared that Naperville Preservation will be hosting an upcoming tour of downtown Naperville. Buchanan then shared that Naperville Preservation will be participating in an event in support of the Oak Cottage in the near future.

**D. OLD BUSINESS:****E. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

1. Consider the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for 219 N Columbia Street - COA 23-1731

Chris Forthaus presented the request.

Public testimony.

There was no public testimony.

Commissioner Wills inquired if the Home was a Sears home, Forthaus responded that he was unsure.

Commissioner Sack shared that the home should be compared to itself and the historic survey rather than other homes in the Historic District and noted that the subject property is noted as a contributing structure to the historic district as a craftsman style home. Sack also mentioned that homes that were moved historically have adopted the style of the era in which they were moved rather than the original style of when they were constructed. Sack noted that the style of the home at the time of the survey was what was designated as significant.

Forthaus noted that the proposed design fits within a craftsman style of home due to the customization that was inherent in the craftsman design style.

Commissioner Sack noted that her main concern was the removal of the stucco on the wall of the home.

Forthaus stated that it is unlikely that the stucco was original to the home.

Commissioner Sack confirmed that the stucco was present in on the home in 2012 and noted that that is the important factor.

Forthaus noted that the amount of stucco that is being removed and converted to shingles is small.

Vice Chairwoman Ory asked Commissioner Sack if the shingles on the porch wall are what is causing her hesitation.

Commissioner Sack confirmed that the removal of the stucco and the introduction of the shingles is a factor of concern as it may veer into a different craftsman style era. Sack also noted that the house is wonderfully complicated.

Vice Chairwoman Ory noted that she appreciated the petitioner's presentation and

the history that was provided. Vice Chairwoman Ory noted that prior to Commissioner Sack's comments, she would have had no concerns, however after hearing the comments she noted that if it was important to the Commission that the siding not be included on the back of the porch it could be included as a condition of approval, but she would not required it for a vote.

Forthaus stated that he would not be interested in that condition as they would like what they have proposed and noted that a lot of time and research went into their proposal and noted that he doesn't see their request as unreasonable.

Commissioner Brown noted that the petitioner's presentation was informative and thought that the evolution of the home overtime was helpful to see and is worth noting.

Commissioner Santucci noted stated that he does not think that the loss of the stucco on the porch wall is significant and noted that the home has changed over time.

Commissioner Robbins agreed, and noted that the proposed changes are well done and noted that the loss of the stucco would not prevent her from supporting the request.

Vice Chairwoman Ory asked Forthaus on their decision to keep the shutters on the home noting that they were not original.

Forthaus responded that they put the shutters on the home when they purchased it and tried to make them match the style and noted that he and his wife enjoy living in the historic district and also want to be able to include some of their own style in their home as well.

**A motion was made by commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Santucci to approve COA 23-1731 for a change in material for the front porch walls and porch, a change in style for the porch style and the addition of railings on the front porch stairs at 219 N Columbia St.**

**Aye: Brown, Garrison, Vice Chairwoman Ory, Robbins, Santucci, Wills  
Nay: None**

## **F. REPORTS**

1. Approve the minutes of the May 25, 2023 Historic Preservation Commission meeting

**A motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Garrison to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2023 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.**

**Aye: Brown, Garrison, Vice Chairwoman Ory, Robbins, Santucci, Wills  
Nay: None**

## **G. NEW BUSINESS:**

## **H. ADJOURNMENT:**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Vice Chairwoman Ory to adjourn the July 13, 2023 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting at 7:31 pm.**

**Aye: Brown, Garrison, Vice Chairwoman Ory, Robbins, Santucci, Wills  
Nay: None**