

Minutes
Meeting of Alton Historical Commission
Tuesday September 6, 2016
8:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Bader, Mary Anderson, Matt Asselmeier, Diane Plummer, and Charlene Walker

MEMBERS ABSENT: Monica Mason and Jonas Janek

OTHERS PRESENT: Marty Toma of Joyce Factory Direct for 318 Prospect, Carrie Kalina for 406 E 3rd St., Dunlap Windows for 607 Henry, Sam Shaw, Building Inspector and Debbie Beck, Secretary

The meeting of the Alton Historic Commission was called to order by Chairman Doug Bader at 8:00 am on September 6, 2016.

Mary Anderson stated that a sentence in the paragraph for Historic Award Logistics seemed a little vague and would like it reworded. After much discussion, it was decided to add the wording “and suggested that maybe it would be better to put off the decision. The commission decided to take the issue up at a later meeting.” Mary Anderson moved to accept the minutes of August 16, 2016 with the amended changes. Charlene Walker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

APPLICATIONS:

The commission took up the application for **318 Prospect**. Marty Toma, of Joyce Factory Direct, took the floor to explain the permit. Toma stated that his company was going to replace 3 windows on the north side of the house, one window on the south side and five basement hoppers. Toma stated that his company has a Heritage series that is specifically designed for historical homes. He stated that they are not changing the sizes of the windows.

Diane Plummer moved to accept the application as presented. Mary Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The commission then took up the application for **406 E 3rd St**. Carrie Kalina, owner of the property, took the floor to explain her permit. She stated that she and her husband had purchased the James Maupin House and are trying to restore it. Kalina stated the last rain storm that produced 12” of rain was too much for the gutter to handle and the soffit was rotted. She stated they would be replacing the roof over the back porch, the siding, serpentine bead board. She stated this board is a composite board and would not rot, but was historically correct. She stated that the roof over the porch had been cut back as the wood rotted; they would be replacing the roof, including the part that had been removed, they are replacing the decking and putting up more substantial guttering.

Mary Anderson moved to accept to accept the application as presented. Diane Plummer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The commission then took up the application for **607 Henry St**. A representative for Dunlap Windows was present to present the application. He stated that the owner, Aaron Joyce, was planning on replacing 24 windows. The commission was concerned about the arches above the two second story

windows in the front of building, the photos show one has been boxed off and the other is the original shape. The representative stated that both arches would be boxed in for uniformity. The commissioners then asked about the single window on the first floor of the building and the transom. He stated that the transom was to be removed and two double hung windows would be replacing the single window. The commissioners stated that this would make a drastic change of the appearance of the front of the house. A discussion then ensued.

Diane Plummer moved that the application be accepted for 21 windows, for the sides and back of the property, but not the front. Charlene Walker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Doug Bader stated that the owner could come to the next meeting, which would be September 20, 2016 at 7:00 pm to discuss the front of the building.

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Mary Anderson stated that she left a message with the owner, Jamie Baker, but as to this date has had no response. She stated that she had gone past the house a few days back and the south side has not changed. She stated that the owner has started painting the fence and the offending board is still there. Doug Bader stated that a letter should be sent, including a summary of the minutes pertaining the address. Bader requested that Matt Asselmeier draft a letter to be sent to Baker.

HISTORIC COMMISSION AWARDS LOGISTICS

A discussion took place concerning addresses to be added to the list for awards. It was stated that photographs were to be taken of the addresses that the commission would like to present with the awards. These photos are to be used for the award board and the overhead projector during the ceremony. Mary Anderson stated that she had gone to the 22nd precinct to take pictures of addresses that Charlene Williams and Diane Plummer had supplied. Anderson stated that while trying to take pictures she was hassled by males about her taking photos and made to feel very uncomfortable, so she left without being able to photograph the addresses she had been given.

Diane Plummer moved that the award ceremony be postponed to the springtime. Mary Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Doug Bader stated that the Alton Landmarks Tour is to be October 9th. He stated that the commission would need to place an ad in the guide and he would need \$20 from each commissioner by the next meeting to be able to place the ad in the guide.

Matt Asselmeier stated he had spoken with Matt Bivens and he will be finished with the CLG Project for Middletown by the end of September. He stated that a request for a copy of the draft has been made, but Bivens has had a medical emergency and he would supply a copy as soon as he was able

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Lisa Morrison, one of the owners of Morrison's Irish Pub, 200 State St., then asked to take the floor. Morrison stated that she had come before the commission during the last meeting reference the front and side doors. She stated that she knows she was not on the agenda, but when the contractor started tearing into the building they ran into a problem. She stated that the boards between each window and the door were plywood and had started crumbling. She stated she has found a hardy board panel made of a solid fiber board with a smooth surface, known as a baton board, to replace the plywood and would like to know if the commission would agree with the changes and let her have a Letter of Compliance to

continue with the repair. Doug Bader stated that the Historic Commission did not need to be involved for a straight replacement/repair issue and a Letter of Compliance was not needed.

There being no further discussion or comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 am

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie J. Beck
Secretary