HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
When: Thursday October 8, 2020
Location: Zoom Audio Conference

Minutes

Present Historic Preservation Committee
Chair: Rebecca Woodrum
Marilyn Blanton
Roberta Allen

Also Present
Natasha Elliott – City of Danville
Sam Cole – City of Danville City Engineer
Dominique Washington – Homeowner

Absent
Carolyn Wands

I. Call to Order, Declaration of a Quorum, and Roll Call
   a. Rebecca Woodrum called the meeting to order at 6:07pm. Woodrum declared no quorum. Allen stated she was on the call prior to 6pm but used a different code. Allen was audible at 6:28pm.

II. Approval of Agenda from Historic Preservation Meeting of October 8, 2020
   a. Motion: Blanton    Second: Woodrum     ALL: AYE

III. Approval of Minutes from September 10, 2020
    a. Motion: Blanton    Second: Woodrum     ALL: AYE

IV. New Business
    a. Certificate of Appropriateness for 1123 Grant St.
       i. Blanton: It looks as if the house needs a lot of work. It is a lovely older home. Are you preparing to live in it or rent it out?
       ii. Washington: It does need a lot of work. No – I am not going to live in it. I am going to rent it out.
       iii. Woodrum: I know the other homes are well kept, so we appreciate you working on it. The top looks like stucco. What are your plans with it?
       iv. Washington: We want to reside the entire building and add vinyl siding over it.
       v. Blanton: I have no problem with that. In the future, if someone wants to take it back to the original- it will still be there because you are not removing the stucco.
       vi. Woodrum: Since we do not have a quorum it was going to be approved anyway- we appreciate your attendance. Do you have any questions?
       vii. Washington: Yes – do you have any programs or grants to help with stuff like that? Also, can I move forward with it – do we still need a permit?
       viii. Elliott: At this time, we do not have any grants to assist with historic preservation of buildings. You would still need to obtain a permit. This process was to confirm that the changes of the building were consistent with the historic aesthetic.

V. Old Business
   a. Brick Streets
      i. Blanton: The curbing on our brick street is terrible and we need it taken care of because people on my street are talking about it. Sam, did you say that next year, you thought it would be on the agenda to take care of that?
      ii. Cole: I did not. We are developing a plan for addressing all of the city’s road improvement needs across the board. At this time, we do not have a concrete date for most of the road improvements if they are not already planned or in dire condition. However, we are trying to come up with a plan. We have found that over the lifecycle, brick streets are more cost effective however, they are more expensive to build initially; and, I looked at it and for Garfield Place alone – it would cost approximately $250,000 to build that section of the street. Our total annual budget is about $3 million. We would love to replace it and agree with your statements about it being in poor condition and we are looking at doing repairs on the
spots that can be repaired. The pavement structure tends to come apart at the edges when you try to do curbing without significant brick rework or getting concrete all over the bricks.

iii. **Blanton:** When the street was laid years ago, the curbing was poorly done. We then had to have 140,000 bricks that we found and stacked on a pallet and it had it re-done well. Now, the brick has sunken down.

iv. **Cole:** Combination curb and gutter on brick streets do not hold up as well as the straight barrier curb at the edge of the road. We are looking to find a solution and to begin chipping away at all of those.

v. **Blanton:** We were the first to get our street on the local historic register and we deserve a little more effort because we were responsible for leading the charge in getting the other streets preserved.

vi. **Woodrum:** I thought that it was decided long ago that the streets would not be patched with concrete.

vii. **Cole:** That is correct. There was an ordinance passed that will no longer allow the brick streets to be patched with concrete. So, even with utility companies, we let them know that when they do work they need to repair it with brick. Even in other streets where the patches already existed—we would do work, remove the patch, and restore it to brick.

viii. **Woodrum:** That is wonderful. We appreciate you being on this call.

ix. **Allen:** There is a series in the library called “Illinois Historic Preservation” and I complied it because Ray Garcia asked about it because Danville is not the only city in Illinois with brick streets. It may be good to call and see if that document is still in the archives.

x. **Woodrum:** If there are not more questions, we can move forward with design guides.

b. Historic Preservation Commission Design Guidelines
   i. **Allen and Blanton provided feedback that was immediately incorporated into the document**
   ii. **Woodrum:** The guide is in good enough condition to go to council

VI. **Items of Information** – None

VII. **Adjournment**
   a. **Motion: Blanton**   **Second: Allen**   **ALL: AYE**