

Historical District Commission Meeting Notes
August 6, 2014

In Attendance: Dorie Ehrig, Mark Reile, Jim Ebert, Suzanne Nemeth, Katie vanLonkhuyzen, Russ Randall, Christine Broberg, Erica Eklov

Excused Absence: Al Van Kampen, Theresa Bunch

Meeting began at 8:30

June's meeting notes were provided, reviewed and approved.

July's meeting notes were reviewed and a misspelling on Dorie Ehrig's name. The minutes were approved with correction.

Mark reviewed the August 4th update from Community Development Director Vicki Georgeau.

Old Business:

5134 Oakland Drive – determined there was nothing further to discuss as HDC has not approached further on the initial inquiries on the property regarding removal from the historical district.

10234 East Shore – HDC agreed to extend Certificate of Appropriateness for the remainder of one year the request of property owner.

1521 East Centre – At the request of HDC based on the certificate of appropriateness dated June 2, 2014, a preliminary plan for the replacement barn that will be placed when the existing barn structure is deconstructed was provided by the home owner. After reviewing the plan a motion was made by Russ Randall to deny the application as written as variance issues need to be addressed and materials and design do not meet the request to have the replacement building resemble existing structure. Motion was seconded by Dorie Ehrig and the motion passed unanimously.

3221 West Milham – A letter was sent by Community Development to let them know they need to commence the work approved.

2663 Mandigo – Application for removal from district (HDC made a site visit on 7/31/14) Thorough discussion was had as far as the clear historic value the property has to our City's history. The majority felt that there was very little in the way of out buildings that could not be at the very least mothballed to keep the structures from continued deterioration. One opinion was strongly for allowing the property to be removed based on the owner's inability and/or lack of desire to maintain the property. Katie vonLonkhuyzen made a motion to deny removal of the property. It was seconded by Russ Randall. Motion passed with Jim Ebert abstaining on vote.

New Business:

4415 East Milham has a new owner. Erica has sent a new home owner packet to the family.

2663 Mandigo – Application for appropriateness was presented to have several items repaired and maintained on the ranch style house on the property. Jim Ebert made a motion to accept application as written, Dorie Ehrig seconded the motion. Discussion then centered around the fact that property owner does not understand that repair and maintenance to structures using identical color and material as is existing does not require a certificate of appropriateness. It was agreed in the acknowledgement letter we would recognize the owner for maintaining the property. Motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting ended approximately 10:00 a.m.