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CITY OF DELAWARE CITY REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION NOVEMBER 1, 2016 MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Commissioner Turley. Those present included Commissioners Wood, Sellers, Hanna, Slotter and Turley.

ACTION UPON THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

There was a brief discussion pertaining to the position of Vice-Chairperson/Co-Chairperson. Commissioner Sellers made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 4, 2016 meeting as written. Commissioner Hanna seconded the motion. There was no additional discussion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion carried.

<u>412 HAMILTON STREET - JOHN & BETTY FORD - DESIGN FOR NEW</u> CONSTRUCTION

Kevin Whittaker said he was representing John and Betty Ford. He said he sold them the lot, 412 Hamilton Street, which had been subdivided from a larger lot. He said he has been contracted to build their house. He showed HPC the house design which reflects the feel of a waterfront community that the Fords are interested in. They have installed a shed on the property. The house is going to be situated so that a garage or carport could be added later if the Fords decided to do so.

Mr. Whittaker said he submitted a letter to the City, listing the proposed exterior materials. He said the siding is an engineered wood siding, with aluminum trim and vinyl windows. The corner trim will either be engineered wood or composite trim. The Fords would like to have a metal or fiberglass front door, with a composite or hardscape deck at the front porch (no railing), and 30 year

architectural asphalt shingles at the roof. He said they would not be installing lattice at the foundation as shown in the drawing.

Mr. Whittaker said he took some photos of some of the surrounding structures, which are modern ranch homes. Some were Nanticoke Homes that were constructed in lower Delaware and delivered to and installed on the lot. He said there are some historic homes on the block also.

Discussion followed. Commissioner Slotter made a motion to approve the plans and elevations as submitted. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion carried.

68 CLINTON STREET - LINDA LONG - DEMOLISH SHED & REPLACE MISSING SIDING

The Longs made a presentation indicating the work they would like to do. Mr. Long said the shed they would like to remove has neither a floor nor electric and is in hazardous condition. He said it could not be repaired so they would like to remove it and install new siding, matching the existing siding, on the wood that would be uncovered when the shed is removed. He said they would like to install back steps and two handrails from Lowes. When questioned, he said the shed used to be an old kitchen, more than 40 years ago. He explained that the structure backs up to a structure owned by Kevin Whittaker. He said Mr. Whittaker said he would repair his siding as it would also be impacted when the shed is removed. Discussion followed.

Kevin Whittaker said this leans right up against his house and he would need to replace his siding. He said he would match his vinyl siding. He said the shed really needs to come down, as the structure is unsound. Additional discussion occurred. City Manager Cathcart said the Longs are going to need a demolition permit. He said when the building inspector looks at the structure, after the demolition, the City would have a better idea of what Mr. Whittaker would need to do to his house. He said the building inspector will make sure the work gets done.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to permit the demolition of the shed and replacement the missing siding. Commissioner Slotter seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Slotter said it is important that each commissioner get their agenda and actually go look at the site rather than just relying on photos at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sellers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hanna seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn K. Gwynn

City Secretary