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**CITY OF DELAWARE CITY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
February 7, 2012**

Call to Order

Chairperson Debra Martin called to order the regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission at approximately 7:00PM. In attendance were Dale Slotter, Jean Bonner, Lynn Dilliplane and Mark Gland joined the meeting at a later time. Chairperson Martin left the meeting at approximately 7:20PM. Commissioner Gland chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Action upon the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Chairperson Martin noted a change on page 2, paragraph 2 to add her vote of nay on the vinyl fencing motion. A motion was made by Commissioner Slotter to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2011 Regular Historic Preservation Commission meeting and seconded by Commissioner Bonner. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion carried.

Announcements

Chairperson Martin announced the next training for Historic Preservation Commissions will be on March 28, 2012 at 9:00AM on Del-State University Campus. More details will be provided as they become available.

Brief Discussion on Solar and Wind Turbine Policy

Chairperson Martin, Commissioners Slotter and Gland will work together to come up with some recommendations prior to next month's meeting. They will work on guidelines and language for an ordinance relating to passive energy systems and historic properties.

200 Jefferson Street – Elva Nickle – Windows

Henry Nickle provided the commission with plans and photographs of the windows for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Dilliplane to

approve the windows as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Slotter. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion carried.

129 Washington Street – William McMichael – 2nd Floor Addition & Garage Extension

Mr. McMichael presented photos and plot plan to the commission for review. His plan is to keep the same style, materials and features as the existing garage. With the exception of the garage door being slightly larger and the back window being replaced with a door for security reasons. The side windows of the garage he intends to replace in kind as they currently are inoperable. A motion was made by Commissioner Slotter to approve the plans as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Dilliplane. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion carried.

320 Adams Street – Michael & Jennifer Scalia – 7 x 12 Deck

Mr. Scalia presented photos to the commission for review in addition to information from New Castle County stating there was at one point steps or a deck. The commission had a brief discussion regarding the materials to be used and method of construction. A motion was made by Commissioner Slotter to approve the plans for 320 Adams Street as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Dilliplane. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion carried.

208 Washington Street – Luke & Connie Howard/Ryan Gombar – Windows, Siding & Roofing.

It is their intent to replace the existing aluminum siding to match the brick of the original building with new aluminum siding in Lighthouse Red and Aspen White. Also they plan to replace two dormer windows to match existing vinyl replacement windows. The roof is a brown timberline it also is to be replaced in kind. There was discussion had how the commission would like to have seen a plot plan and additional photos of the original property. Without that information the commission can only serve as an advisory. Commissioner Gland provided a description of the recommendations to restore the historic nature of the property. They are as follows: 1) Remove the existing siding. 2) Repair the cedar siding and trim or replace in kind. 3) Obtain documentation of the original windows. 4) Put wooden sashes back in. A motion was made by Commissioner Dilliplane to approve the plans as presented under the conditions that the improvements are within the historic nature of the property and not seconded. The motion was amended by Commissioner Slotter to approve the plans as submitted for 208 Washington Street with consideration of the recommendations to maintain the historic nature and was seconded by Commissioner Dilliplane. A vote was taken, Slotter – aye, Gland – aye, Dilliplane – aye, Bonner – abstain, motion carried.

Presentation from the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs

Joan Larrivee came to discuss ideas for this coming year's Certified Local Governments grant opportunities. They are finding that some of the smaller communities' like Delaware City, Milton and Lewes are struggling to find the match for these grants. For the current year Delaware City partnered with Preservation Delaware who provided the match to do many of the workshops so far this year. There was discussion had about in kind matches for example a graphic design studio for a walking tour brochure to donate their services is acceptable. Also volunteer time is considered an in kind match. Another thing to consider is an outreach to our homeowners and providing new residents with packets of material so they know what the guidelines are. Other good tools are the website, flyers, publishing guidelines, mapping out boundaries in the district. There have not been Historic Trails throughout Delaware since the 1930's. Now there are Scenic By-ways which DelDOT is working on now, Route 9 is one that will come thru this area. Another possibility is partnering with Delaware Greenways or even New Castle County on upcoming projects. It's important to create awareness of what it is that the HPC does in Delaware City and understand what its purpose is. A mission statement issued to the community by the HPC would be a great way to get that out. There was further discussion of various methods of renovations to historic homes.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Gland to adjourn and seconded by Commissioner Slotter. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:18PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle A. Hartman
City Secretary