

Belleville Historic Preservation Commission
1125 S. Illinois
March 21, 2017

Attendance:

Members Present: Molly McKenzie Jack LeChien, John Hunter, Doug Luna, Keith Owens, Ashley Pollock

Staff: Matthew Chandler

Guest Present: Thomas Jackson

Opening:

Molly McKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Guest Participation:

Thomas Jackson presented a Design Review Request (DRR) for his property at 225 S. Charles. The building is brick and the exterior is covered with stucco or a stucco-like material. The stucco was possibly placed over the brick in the 1950's. Jackson said he did not know the property was in a Historic District and he began work on the property prior to submitting the DRR. Jackson wished to replace the windows and place siding over the exterior of the building.

Jack LeChien provided some historical background for the property. He said the house was once known as the "California House" because it provided shelter for several travelers en route to California during the gold rush following the 1849 discovery of gold at Sutter's Mill.

John Hunter moved to approve the following:

The five exposed windows facing S. Charles will be retained. Windows not facing S. Charles may be replaced with windows like in appearance to existing windows. Stucco on the original building will be retained. Siding over the stucco will be removed. The boarded window facing S. Charles may be restored or built out and covered with stucco.

Jack LeChien seconded to motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of members present. Ashley Pollock arrived immediately after the vote and did not participate in the vote.

Officers' Reports:

Chairperson's report: Molly McKenzie was acting as chair and there was nothing new to report.

Secretary's report: Jack LeChien motioned to accept the January minutes and place them on file. Ashley Pollock seconded. The minutes were accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's report: The city appropriation checking account was \$2,775.00. The HPC savings account balance was \$3,079.84. Jack LeChien motioned to approve the report. Ashley Pollock seconded. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

New/Old Business:

Jack LeChien nominated Ashley Pollock to serve as temporary Vice-Chairperson. Keith Owens seconded. Ashley Pollock accepted the nomination. She was elected by a unanimous voice vote.

Jack LeChien motioned that the HPC donate the \$2775.00 remaining in the city appropriation checking account to Belleville Cultural Enrichment to be designated for the purchase five pairs of exterior shutters for the Gustave Koerner House. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Members discussed the process for calling special meetings. Members agreed that special meetings will only be called if there is a compelling reason, and Matthew Chandler will poll members individually via email to ask when and whether to have special meetings.

Adjournment:

John Hunter motioned to adjourn. Doug Luna seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.