

KALAMAZOO HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Agenda – Tuesday, October 17th, 2023

5:00 pm

241 W. South St. Kalamazoo, MI 49007

I. Call to Order: Mr. Kastner called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM

II. Roll Call & Approval of Absences:

Eric Stucky-Present

Andrew Grayson- Absent

Dana Underwood – Present

Kristi Breisach- Present

James Johnson-Present

Dan Kastner- Present

Motion made by Ms. Breisach to approve the absence of Mr. Grayson; all commissioners approve.

III. Approval of Agenda:

Motion made to approve the agenda by Mr. Johnson and a 2nd by Ms. Underwood; all commissioners approve.

IV. Approval of Minutes: August 15, 2023.

No changes to the minutes. Motion made by Ms. Underwood to approve the minutes with a second by Mr. Johnson; All commissioners approve the minutes.

V. Public Comment on non-agenda items: None

Disclaimer read by Mr. Pena at 5:03 pm

VI. OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

**A) 837 Davis
Year Built: 1900**

5:04 PM

**Alteration – Rear Addition
Style: Greek Revival
Historic District: South St Vine Area**

Mr. Nave is the architect on the project located at 837 Davis and the owner is Mr. Steven Streeter is the current owner. They are looking to do an addition to the rear of the home. The same siding materials will be used as well as the same shingles. The windows will be aluminum clad wood windows and will be reusing one of the current windows. Will be using reinforced concrete block piers. Ms. Underwood states that this addition does meet the current standards. Mr. Stucky makes motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for the work as described in the application, the proposed work complies with the Secretary of the Interior standards 1, 9 and 10 with a second by Ms. Breisach. All commissioners approve.

B) 161 E Michigan 5:12 PM Alteration Sign Installation
Year Built: 1900 Style: Commercial
Historic District: Haymarket

Installing a sign on the Haymarket building for the WL Social House. Mr. Kastner states to make sure the sign is placed in the mortar, if possible, for easy removal. Mr. Johnson makes motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for the work as described in the application, the proposed work complies with the Secretary of the Interior standards 1, 9 and 10, with a second by Mr. Stucky. All commissioners approve.

C) 763 W Michigan 5:15 PM Alteration – Trim, Window & Door
Year Built: 1926 Style: Tudor
Historic District: South St – Vine Area

Mr. Comensoli is in the process of rehabbing 763 W. Michigan. He is looking to replace windows, trim and doors on the building. Mr. Comensoli is looking to only address the doors currently and will do a separate application for the windows later to secure the building for the winter. Mr. Kastner is glad that this is getting some attention. Some doors will be full glass and will be secure glass. Mr. Comensoli states that they will not be using screen doors. The building will be air conditioned, and the building will be sprinkled. Ms. Underwood states that this does meet standard #1 regarding the doors as they are not original. Mr. Johnson makes motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for the work as described in the application for the doors only, the proposed work complies with the Secretary of the Interior standards 1, 2, 5 and 6, with a second by Ms. Underwood and Ms. Breisach. All commissioners approve.

D) 930 W Kalamazoo 5:32 PM Alteration- Installation of vinyl siding,
Year Built: 1888 covering existing wood siding
Style: Queen Anne
Historic District: Stuart

Ms. DeLiefde is the current owner of 930 W Kalamazoo Ave. She has brought along the design manager Mr. Travis Wilson from Blackberry Systems. The homeowner is looking to install vinyl siding over existing wood siding.

Ms. Underwood makes motion for a 10-minute recess for Mr. Wilson to send over information and pictures with a second by Mr. Stucky.

Mr. Kastner brings the meeting back to order. Mr. Wilson has sent emails to Mr. Pena showing the information for the project.

Mr. Wilson does feel they are able to replicate the wood siding and repair the more intricate details by sanding and painting. The current siding is a 4-inch lap with transition boards and trim. They do have a 4-inch vinyl siding available and would be able to build out with projections and overlay where needed. Mr. Wilson has photos to show samples of what would be done. Blackberry also offers a premium lap

siding with a matte finish. The composite option is not available in a 4-inch option only a 7-inch option and would be very different then what is currently on the home. Blackberry does not have a cedar option available and would be a substantial cost difference with the removal and then the lead abatement.

The scallops on the home would possibly be replaced with a vinyl option and this would have a full scallop rather than a cut scallop which is currently on the home. The rafter lines on the home would be left as is and would be repaired and repainted to restore them.

Mr. Stucky believes that the house could have a moisture problem which is why the paint is not sticking.

Ms. Underwood makes motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for the work as described in the application, the proposed work complies with the Secretary of the Interior standards 1, 2, 5, 6 and 9 with a second by Ms. Breisach. All commissioners deny the motion for approval, so the motion does not pass.

VII. Coordinators Report: 6:39PM - Information in packet. November meeting will be canceled due to Thanksgiving.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Underwood with a second by Mr. Johnson. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Chairperson

Date

Historic Preservation Coordinator

Date

Recording secretary

Date