

KALAMAZOO HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Agenda – Tuesday, July 16th, 2024

5:00 pm

241 W. South St. Kalamazoo, MI 49007

I. Call to Order: Mr. Kastner called the meeting to order at 5:11 PM

II. Roll Call & Approval of Absences:

Eric Stucky-Absent

Andrew Grayson- Absent

Dana Underwood – Present

Kristi Breisach- Present

James Johnson-Present

Dan Kastner- Present

Motion made by Ms. Underwood to approve the absence of Mr. Grayson and Mr. Stucky with a 2nd by Mr. Johnson; all commissioners approve.

III. Approval of Agenda: No changes. Motion made to approve the agenda by Mr. Johnson with a 2nd by Ms. Breisach

IV. Approval of Minutes: June 18th, 2024

Motion made by Ms. Underwood to approve the minutes with a second by Mr. Johnson; all commissioners approve.

Mr. Pena read the disclaimer on record at 5:12 PM

V. Public Comment on non-agenda items: No comments or guests

VI. OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A) 813 W Lovell

5:15 PM

Alteration-Paint non-contributing brick building & addition of signs

Year Built: 1965

Style: NA

Historic District: South Street-Vine Area

Ms. Snyder is the representative for the owners. Ms. Syner was not aware when the property was purchased, they were not aware of it being in the Historic District. The two items for review are the painting of the property which has already happened and then a sign that they want to install. This property is a non-contributing structure. Ms. Underwood states she only ok with the painting because it is on a non-contributing building. It is stated that when painting bricks it can create a vapor barrier and that this has now added a huge maintenance concern regarding the paint. The sign is currently in production, and they will be keeping the sign in the same location with a new logo and will have

illuminated lights and will be external illumination. Ms. Breisach does feel that the sign meets the historic standards. 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 standard 2 with a 2nd by Ms. Underwood. All Commissioners approve.

B)	712 W Kalamazoo	5:42PM	Replace wood siding with fiber cement siding the replicates original look on 2nd floor only
	Year Built: 1905		Style: Craftsman
			Historic District: Stuart

Mr. Nguyen is the current owner of 712 W Kalamazoo, and he is trying to update the home to be a single-family home. Mr. Nguyen is looking to replace the cedar shingles with fiber cement on the 2nd floor. The property has had problems with woodpeckers and deterioration from sun exposure and other weather-related conditions. The current owner has not done any updates due the lack of funds and it being a shared driveway. The homeowner is also looking to update some trim materials due to damage. Mr. Kastner feels like he should just repair the wood and shingles and paint rather than the fiber cement so keep the house more Historic and would also have more value. Ms. Underwood states that the current shingles do not look like they are more the 50% damaged to qualify for full 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 2 and 6 with a 2nd by Ms. Breisach. All commissions deny the motion.

VII. Coordinators Report:

- Gravestone cleaning took place in June with 9 participants
- Need additional commissioners, must live in City limits. Have 3 seats to fill.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Breisach with a 2nd by Mr. Johnson. Meeting adjourned at 5:48 PM. All commissioners approve.

Chairperson

Date

Historic Preservation Coordinator

Date

Recording secretary

Date