

CITY OF FRANKFORT

Historic Preservation Commission

September 2, 2020

The Frankfort Historic Preservation Commission met at a special meeting on September 2, 2020 at 5:30pm due to not having a quorum at the August 25, 2020 meeting. The following action was taken:

President Jason Wilhite was present and called the meeting to order. He led the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members were present: Crystal Reichert, Karen Walter, Tom Morrison and Bud McQuade. Staff members present Ashlee Bassett and Don Stock (Director of Planning).

MINUTES: Minutes from the July 28, 2020 meeting were presented for review. Karen Walter states that there's a correction to be made. She recommends amending a sentence under New Business: Agenda Item No III- it appears as though a sentence was started within another sentence. Upon review, Karen was correct and the correction was made. Crystal Reichert also stated that under New Business: Agenda Item No IV- she doesn't remember stating that the no smoking would be removed on the VFW. Upon review, no recording of the meeting could be found so it was removed from the minutes. Karen Walter made a motion to approve minutes as amended. Tom Morrison seconded the motion. Upon roll call, five "ayes" were heard. None opposed. Minutes approved.

NEW BUSINESS: President Wilhite announced that a member of the board had resigned, Stephanie Cooper. Resignation letter was forwarded to Don Stock.

NEW BUSINESS: Agenda Item No III- 358 N Main St for Wild Duck Tattoo. Owner not present. President Wilhite notes that it's made of a good material. Crystal Reichert asks Don Stock if the sign is the correct size for this building, Don says the sign is permissible. Karen Walter asks if there are any parameters on the neon signage, she notes there is a "Wild Duck Tattoo" sign in the window. Tom Morrison states that he believes since it's on the interior it wouldn't be classified as a sign. Don Stock agrees. Tom Morrison clarifies that there are no limits, to his knowledge. President Wilhite notes that the only limitations he's aware of is that it can't be made of any reflective material, no flashing, and can only be turned on when they're open. Motion made by Tom Morrison to present the sign as presented. Motion seconded by President Wilhite. President Wilhite states that it follows all downtown requirements for a sign. Definition of back-lit sign was discussed. Upon roll call, five "ayes" were heard. None opposed. Motion passed. Crystal noted that she saw the sign being made and asked for the sign manufacturer to let owner know that it would need to be approved. President Wilhite states that there will be a work session put on by Don Stock that will go over the standards, outreach and focus of the board.

NEW BUSINESS: Agenda Item No IV- 403 S Main St. Rachel Whetsel, owner, present via GoToMeeting. President Wilhite states that she's requesting approval for siding and screens to be installed on the enclosed front porch. President Wilhite asks applicant when the work began on the porch. Applicant states it was started two months ago. Bud McQuade asks who the contractor is. Applicant states that his name is Rick and he's from Lafayette. He will not be the one finishing the project because he will not contact her back. Bruce Dunham from Crawfordsville will be doing siding and finishing porch. President Wilhite asks if style/color is similar to what's on the home now. Applicant says no there is aluminum siding on there not but since there's an aluminum shortage, it will be replaced with blue slate vinyl siding. Karen Walter asks how the project got started and why applicant wanted to remove historic columns on house. Applicant said the columns were rotted and they had previously tried to fix them. Tom Morrison notes that he knows the columns were rotted because he used to mow the yard when it was bank owned. Karen Walter asks what work was done on interior of porch since there were no pictures of that submitted. Applicant states that there has been no interior work done and she doesn't know what exactly she wants to do with it. Karen Walter asks if the porch is structurally sound. Applicant states yes. Karen also asks if owner has thought about keeping pillars and porch as is. Applicant says she didn't like the completely open porch and likes to have it enclosed for storage. Karen asks if the porch will have windows or just screens. Applicant says it will only be screens. Karen states that the plan isn't as detailed as she would like. She wants to make sure that it can stay somewhat historically accurate to the neighborhood/ area. Karen

asks if any work will be done to gutters. Applicant says that gutters will be cleaned when siding is done. President Wilhite states that the Historic Standards recommends against enclosing porches, but since the work is already done the boards' hands are tied. Karen Walter states that she would argue the work is not done, and is it done well? She states that she doesn't want to give approval to continue work until we know if the plan is to code. Tom Morrison states that the Building Inspector will take care of codes. Bud McQuade states he would like to see what the finished product is expected to look like. He suggests getting with the contractor and coming up with a vision. Crystal Reichert asks when the house was built. Applicant states 1900 or 1920, around that time. Bud McQuade says that there are a lot of things that can be done with this house, even the illusion of columns. He also mentions that he understands the problem with trying to find the balance between being respectful to the neighborhood and to the owner. Bud then states that he has a hard time approving the job to be finished without all the necessary information. Crystal states that the contractor could come and speak with the board. Bud notes that is not a requirement and may cost the homeowner. Tom Morrison recommends homeowner contacting contractor and Building Inspector's office prior to coming back to the meeting. Bud McQuade then asks if a scope of work was provided to the first contractor. Applicant states that she told contractor that she wanted it enclosed. Bud recommends providing a picture of what applicant envisions to the contractor. Karen Walter states that she agrees with Bud and wants to know plan for materials for the porch. President Wilhite tells applicant to meet with contractor & speak with Building Inspector's Office to get a clear vision then come back to the board for approval. Applicant asks for an example of a wrapped front porch and notes that in her neighborhood she feels that there's not a lot of historic examples. Don Stock states that he will speak with the owner tomorrow and try to help. President Wilhite states that this matter will be tabled for now.

NEW BUSINESS: Agenda Item No V- 9-59 E Clinton St. Jessica Doyle, representative from Farmer's Bank, is present. Crystal Reichert notes that the actual project has already been approved, the board is only voting on the artwork tonight. President Wilhite asked if anyone was present to present on the application. Jessica Doyle stated that this artwork was meant to encompass Frankfort as a whole. Karen Walter mentioned that the megaphone handle looked a little out of proportion. She recommended making the handle larger. Crystal Reichert stated that Jennifer Davis (artist) has done lots of art in the area and is very talented. Bud McQuade asked for clarification on whether there would be anything done to the surrounding buildings. Applicant stated that the mural would be only on the fence and noted that the fence would be painted a slight gray color to make the mural stand out more. Motion made by Bud McQuade to approve mural as presented. Motion seconded by Tom Morrison. Upon roll call five "ayes" heard. None opposed. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Agenda Item No VI- 609 E Wabash St. Carlos Garcia Romo, owner, is present. President Wilhite noted that owner has applied for approval to replace existing metal siding with vinyl siding, replace asphalt roof with new shingles, replace old windows with new vinyl windows at same size/color, replace existing fence with new wooden panels (no posts to be replaced). Karen Walter asks for clarification on which areas of fencing will be replaced. Applicant states he will only be replacing front and back fence, no side fencing near neighbors will be replaced. Bud McQuade asks if he plans to do any work to garage. Applicant states that the garage will eventually be remodeled too, since this is a "flip" house. He also states it has been vacant for eight years. Bud McQuade then asks about the roof line on the rear of the home. He states he lives near this home and has noticed what he believes is a framing issue. Applicant states that the framing is in great shape and he has no plans to do work on roof line, he will only be replacing the damaged areas. Tom Morrison recommends talking to Building Inspector office about roof line and potential framing issues. Crystal Reichert asked if the fence would be left unstained. Applicant says yes. Motion made by Tom Morrison to approve work as presented. Motion seconded by Crystal Reichert. Upon roll call four "ayes" heard. Bud McQuade abstained. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Agenda Item No VII- 309 N Main St. Jessica Wessel, artist, not present. President Wilhite explained work to be done. Crystal Reichert pointed out that drawing appeared to be missing stars and asked if this is something they should address. Crystal Reichert states that she talked to a veteran (relative) and they loved the mural. She was just concerned that this may be offensive to some veterans since it's not accurate with the number of stars. Bud McQuade states that he is a veteran and it's not offensive to him, he sees it as freedom of speech. Tom Morrison states that because this is art, there are no rules around it, it's a difference of opinion if someone doesn't like it. Karen Walter asks about preservation/ maintenance of the building. Bud McQuade states that the desire to preserve is only a recent concern and they're only here to address the mural. He does agree that murals as a whole need to be addressed. Crystal

Reichert voices frustration about murals going up without first getting permission from HPC. Motion made by Tom Morrison to approve as presented. Motion seconded by President Wilhite. Upon roll call four "ayes" heard. Karen Walter opposed. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Agenda Item No VIII- 1104 E Clinton St. Owner present. President Wilhite explains that owner has already replaced windows at the same size and color. Owner states that she didn't know they lived in the Historic District and didn't know they needed permission. Motion made by Karen Walter to approve as presented. Motion seconded by Crystal Reichert. Upon roll call, five "ayes" heard. Motion passed.

With no further business, President Wilhite adjourned the meeting.

Minute's summary typed by Ashlee Bassett.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashlee Bassett

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