

Town of Newburgh
Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes April 9, 2020

Members Present:

Jeff Cox, Jim Renne, Brent Grafe, Heather Cutrell

Advisory Members Present:

Sue Morrison, Candice Croix

Administrative Present:

Stacie Krieger, Council Liaison; Chris Wischer, Town Attorney; Tavi Wydicks, Zoning Administrator

Members & Administrative Absent:

David Wills, Troy Wells

Citizens Present:

Krista Lockyear, Lockyear Law
Jonathan Lamar, Lamar Architecture and Design
Dillip Patel, 1 E. Water Street
Ed Jacobs, Jacobs Custom Homes

REPORTS:

Town Council Liaison:

No report.

Indiana Landmarks Southwest Field Office:

Candice Croix introduced herself to the Commission and provided her background and contact information.

Certified Local Government:

Tavi Wydicks stated that she received the 2019 audit paperwork and is working on completing it.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion – District Expansion

Tavi Wydicks stated that this item is on hold due to teleconference meetings.

Discussion – 221 State Street Garage

Chris Wischer stated that Ms. Richard has hired an attorney and the Commission agreed to hold this item until the next meeting to allow legal time to discuss the issue.

New Business:

COA Application – The Landing

Dillip Patel and Jonathan Lamar explained the site plan and drawings provided to the Commission. Jim Renne questioned the use of New Brick by Dryvit and stated that the preservation guidelines list this material as inappropriate. Jim Renne stated that he did some research and some historic districts permit the use of it, while other districts do not. Jonathan Lamar stated that he spent some time reviewing the guidelines and the building is currently architecturally non-historic and they could do a like for like material and use vinyl, but they would like to use a more aesthetically pleasing material. Mr. Lamar stated that real brick would require a new foundation around the entire building and would not be economically feasible. Mr. Patel stated that he wants to work with the Commission to create a building that the community is proud of. Chris Wischer stated that the project is a mix between new construction and renovation. Jeff Cox asked why they chose the Dryvit material and Mr. Patel answered and stated that he has used the material on a few buildings and the material is easy to

maintain and long lasting. Mr. Renne discussed the New Brick material in detail. Mr. Renne stated that replacing the vinyl, which is a not appropriate material, with New Brick, which is also a not appropriate material, could be viewed as like for like. Mr. Lamar discussed the use of New Brick from an architectural standpoint.

Jeff Cox moved to approved the COA with use of materials presented. Brent Grafe seconded the motion and the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Jeff Cox – Yes Jim Renne – Yes
Brent Grafe – Yes Heather Cutrell – Yes

COA Application – 421 E. Jennings Street

Tavi Wydicks stated that the COA application is for the demolition of the primary structure due to tornado damage. Ed Jacobs stated that he has the preliminary plan for the replacement structure and will be back once the plan is complete.

Jeff Cox moved to approved the COA for demolition. Brent Grafe seconded the motion and the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Jeff Cox – Yes Jim Renne – Yes
Brent Grafe – Yes Heather Cutrell – Yes

COA Application - 116 W. Jennings

Tavi Wydicks stated that the application is to replace the current mix of aluminum and vinyl siding with HardiePlank lap siding and to add a front porch. Ms. Wydicks stated that it appears there previously was a front porch, and they are going to put that porch back. The Commission discussed the application and proposed materials in detail.

Jeff Cox moved to approved the COA with use of materials presented. Heather Cutrell seconded the motion and the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Jeff Cox – Yes Jim Renne – Yes
Brent Grafe – Yes Heather Cutrell – Yes

Historic Preservation Party

The Commission determined to postpone the party until further notice.

Announcements:

Petitions and Comments from Citizens Present:

Adjourn:

Jeff Cox adjourned the meeting.


Chair


Recorder