

HASTINGS HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting of May 21, 2013

Held at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

- I. **Quorum: Goderstad, Sovik-Siemens, Hellie, Dahl present.** Staff: Fortney; Chairman Goderstad called the meeting to order at 7:00.
- II. **Minutes: April 16, 2013. A motion by Sovik-Siemens for approval as amended, seconded by Dahl; motion carried.**
- III. **Review of building permits or design proposals**

- A. **418 2nd Street West – New garage doors and trim**

Fortney presented the staff report and noted that the work had already been completed prior to submitting an application. Cuong “Kim” Duong, applicant, said he didn’t know that work on the garage needed approval by the HPC like the house did.

Commissioner Dahl asked the applicant why he removed and cut the trim and siding. Duong said the wood was rotten and their vehicles did not fit.

Commissioner Hellie said the left door is wider than the right door. Duong said he also widened the door a little so the vehicles would fit.

Hellie said the garage doors were likely arched to reflect the arches above the porch.

Hellie said before the HPC reviews or approves work; the City should inspect the framing to make sure it meets code.

Motion by Hellie to table the request until the Building Safety Department inspects the work that has already been done, seconded by Sovik-Siemens; motion carried.

- B. **719 Vermillion Street – Life Tabernacle - New main entry canopy, gutters, and basement stairway enclosure**

Fortney presented the staff report for item one – main entry canopy.

Dahl said the building is an Italianate style of architecture and the proposed round fluted columns are generally not found in that type of architecture.

Steve Hatter, applicant, said he has only been with the church since December so he is not very familiar with the history on the project. He added that they somehow acquired the columns and he thought they looked nice.

Hellie said when preservationists are reviewing applications it is important to know if the intention is to “preserve what we love, or protect what we don’t”.

Fortney said City Hall has similarly styled metal columns, but they do tie into the neoclassical style dome.

Hatter said it would be possible to use square columns rather than the ones they already have.

Hellie said the proposed canopy should be kept inside the existing width of the bell tower.

Motion by Hellie to approve the proposal to replace the main entry canopy with the following conditions, seconded by Dahl; motion carried.

- **The roof eaves and/ or gutters must not extend past the outside corners of the bell tower.**
- **Pitch to match the bell tower roof and basement step enclosure, if constructed. (4/12 estimated) ***
- **A pair of square columns that match the historic character of the building, similar in size to those proposed.**

* The HPC was also supportive of a steeper pitch to match the south building gable, but they are not supportive of the basement enclosure having a steep pitch due to the extra height that would be required and the fact that the structure is only 6.5-feet wide. If a basement enclosure is not built, then the main entry canopy may also be allowed to have a steep pitch to match the south gable.

Fortney presented the staff report for item two – gutters.

Hellie asked if they were proposing gutters on the east side of the main canopy. Hatter said he was not sure, but said that he believes they would be necessary on the east side of it.

Hellie said, “K” style gutters may not work because there may not be enough fascia for them to be mounted on. He suggested that half-round gutter might work better in their situation.

Hellie said the HPC is not taking a position on how the water from the downspout is to be managed.

Motion by Hellie to approve the proposal to install “k” or Half-round style gutters with the following conditions, seconded by Sovik-Siemens; motion carried.

- **The installation of gutters must be made without any adulteration to the eaves**

Fortney presented the staff report for item three – Basement step enclosure.

Dahl asked how close the enclosure would be to the window. Hatter said about 1.5-feet.

Chair Goderstad asked if the enclosure would have windows in it. Hatter said the church needs to build the enclosure because of demands by their insurance company, who also wanted windows in it to avoid collisions from people walking out of it. He added that he is not proposing windows, but instead would hold the sides back and support the overhang with columns.

Hellie said that a hardship for the Planning Commission to consider in reviewing a variance is that there could be further water infiltration into the building.

Motion by Dahl to approve the proposal to build an enclosure over the basement steps with the following conditions, and furthermore, given the potential for water infiltration into the building, the HPC is supportive of the Planning Commission and City Council granting a variance to construct the proposed structure, seconded by Goderstad; motion carried.

- Same roof pitch as the main entry canopy (4/12 estimated) with an overhang supported by columns.
- Columns of a similar style to the main canopy, but thinner
- Siding to match the building
- A variance from the zoning setback is required, which the HPC supports

A. 100 Sibley street – New roof (staff approved)

IV. Business

V. Information and Reports

VI. Adjourn.

Motion by Dahl, second by Sovik-Siemens to adjourn; motion carried. – 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Justin Fortney