

HASTINGS HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting of October 15, 2013

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

- I. **Quorum: Goderstad, Sovik-Siemens, Dahl, and Hellie present.** Staff: Fortney; Chair Goderstad called the meeting to order at 7:00.
- II. **Minutes: September 17, 2013. A motion by Sovik-Siemens for approval, seconded by Dahl; motion carried.**
- III. **Review of building permits or design proposals**

- A. **705 Vermillion Street – New door and windows**

Fortney Presented the staff report.

Commissioner Hellie asked if the windows could be set at the same elevation as the windows in the rear of the house. Ashley Miller, Applicant said she believed they could.

Hellie asked if the proposed windows could have a similar appearance as the rest of the windows in the home. Miller said the proposed windows appear to be the same brand as the windows that were replaced several years ago.

Motion by Hellie to approve the application, seconded by Dahl; motion carried.

- B. **213 2nd Street East – New second floor windows - Tabled**
A motion by Sovik-Siemens to remove item from the table, seconded by Hellie; motion carried.

Fortney presented the staff report.

Hellie spoke about the costs for replacement window types.

Commissioner Dahl said the HPC may only consider how a proposal meets the guidelines. Fortney added that an applicant could look for affordable ways to make the changes they want, which would also meet the guidelines.

Hellie said he is not opposed to having windows that are not double hung, but added that they would need to look like they are double hung. He asked fortney if the Commission could approve something that looked like a double hung window. Fortney said the HPC could if the applicant was at the meeting and amended their application or reapplied, but the HPC must either approve or deny the current application.

Motion by Hellie to deny the application based on the following findings of fact, seconded by Sovik-Siemens; motion carried.

- The Design Guidelines state the following
 - Wherever feasible, historic windows and sash should be repaired rather than replaced, especially on principal elevations.
 - Conserve the original appearance of historic windows
 - New windows should be compatible with existing historic units.
 - The size and number of panes of glass in each sash should not be altered. New sash, if installed, should duplicate the existing or other appropriate historic models.
- There is a variety of options available to repair or place the windows without altering the historical appearance of the building.

IV. Business

V. Information and Reports

- A. Fortney said that he sent a letter to 222 and 307 7th Streets West reminding them that HPC approval is needed for any exterior changes that are made.

VI. Adjourn.

Motion by Sovik-Siemens, second by Dahl to adjourn; motion carried. – 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Justin Fortney