

HASTINGS HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Agenda for Meeting of June 18, 2024
Regular business at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Volunteer Room

I. Call to Order and Quorum

II. Minutes:

A. May 21, 2024

III. Certificate of Approval Review

A. 312 2nd Street W – Siding trim

IV. OHDS – Original Hastings Design Standards Review

V. Business and Information

VI. Adjourn

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on July 16, 2024 at Hastings City Hall

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Minutes of the Meeting of May 21, 2024

Held at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, Volunteer Room

I. Call to Order and Quorum Youngren, Bremer, Simacek, Toppin, and Smith
Absent McCoy, Borchardt, Alitz Edell, and Peterson.
Staff: Fortney

II. Minutes:

A. April 16, 2024 Approved by Chair Toppin

III. Certificate of Approval Review

A. 222 7th Street W – Replace fence and garage door trim. Fortney presented the staff report. He explained the fence was being replaced nearly as it existed, which met the design Guidelines. He added that the first contractor told the homeowner they had acquired permission and a permit when they had not and were subsequently let go by the homeowner.

Motion by Commissioner Simacek to approve the requests as presented, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Approved 5-0

B. 615 3rd Street W – New handrail on sidewalk step. Fortney presented the staff report. There was very little discussion.

Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the request as presented, seconded by Commissioner Youngren. Approved 5-0

C. 218 2nd Street E – Replace a window with a door. Fortney presented the staff report. Commissioners discussed the historical integrity of that portion of the building, issues with grade differentials between the inside floor and sidewalk, and appearance of the door. Staff explained that the subject wall must have been constructed after 1924.

Commissioner Youngren said he grew up a block away and knows the subject wall was facing or adjoining the former adjacent building so the windows are certainly modern.

Chair Toppin suggested that the residential corridor should be considered for required egress if possible.

Motion by Commissioner Simacek to approve the request with the following conditions, seconded by Commissioner Youngren. Approved 5-0

1. The proposed door must be painted to match the building.
2. Any grade differential must be accommodated on the inside of the building, if necessary, rather than on the city sidewalk.

D. 307 6th Street E – New porch posts and floor, new fence, and adding architectural brackets. Fortney presented the staff report. Fortney said many of these features

are new construction that the HPC approved in the early 2000's based on research. There was very little discussion on the requests to replace the fence, porch floor, and porch posts.

Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve fence, porch floor, and porch posts as requested, seconded by Commissioner Youngren. Approved 5-0

The commissioners shared appreciation for the work the applicants are putting into the house. They said the Design Guidelines require evidence from photographs or physical markings that architectural details existed before they can be approved. Chair Toppin said if there was any evidence they existed, similar styles from the era could be considered. Commissioner Youngren recommended that the applicants look for photographs from St. Bonifacius Church that was across the street and for markings on the home's eaves that would suggest these details existed. Chair Toppin said, many of these modest homes did not have any ornate details. Commissioners encouraged the applicants to reapply with any of that information.

Motion by Commissioner Bremer to deny the porch and eave ornamentation due to lack of evidence they existence, seconded by Commissioner Youngren. Approved 5-0

IV. OHDS – Original Hastings Design Standards Review

V. Business and Information

A. City Hall Project Update. Fortney updated the Commission on the construction progress.

VI. Adjourn

Motion by Commissioner Bremer to adjourn at 8:13 pm, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Approved 5-0

Respectfully Submitted - Justin Fortney

CERTIFICATE APPLICATION

6-2024

**312 2nd Street West – Mitchell and Wendy Mainka
Siding**

Ca. 1890, 2nd Street West Historic District

Requests:

Approval was issued last year by staff to reroof the house with similar to the existing product. During the roofing inspection, the city inspector noticed odd trim boards had been installed on the house over the flashing. To change out the flashing, the roofers either did not know how to temporarily remove the wood siding to replace the flashing or were afraid it would crack. Instead, they diagonally cut out all the siding and trim above the roof flashing, replaced the flashing and secured diagonal trim boards in their place.

Staff informed the contractor that the work should not have been done without approval. They responded that it was temporary and necessary due to pending weather. The contractor and insurance company would like to leave the trim in place, as they believe it is adequate.

Ordinance, Guidelines

Design Guidelines (Page 18) *Wood siding and shingles*

1. Repair Wood siding should be maintained with paint or stain. Deteriorated wooden siding should be replaced with new wood siding resembling the original in width, thickness and profile, and texture. New siding should be installed with the weather (exposed surface) identical to the original. Siding should be installed horizontally except in those instances where vertical or diagonal siding was used on the original exterior. Appropriate corner boards, frieze boards, drip caps, and other features should be included with new siding.

Residential Guideline (page 23) *Decorative Trim*

1. Maintain and Conserve, Exterior architectural features including finials, cornices, brackets, columns, balustrades and railings, and window and door moldings should be retained.

3. Repair and Replacement New material used to repair or replace deteriorated trim or other features should match the original as closely as possible. Deteriorated trim that is unsalvageable should be replaced with trim identical or similar to the original design.

Staff findings: The wood siding and trim should never have been cut. Any damage from removing siding to replace the flashing would have been minor in comparison to cutting every piece of siding and trim short. The inclusion of angled trim is not the original design of the home, is not an appropriate design for any home, and it introduces another seam into the building envelope. The added trim should be removed, the siding should be replaced with similar dimensioned and type, and all trim that was cut short should be replaced. Siding that is in good condition could be reused where a shorter board is required.



