

Minutes
West Lafayette Historic Preservation Commission
Certificate of Appropriateness Sub-Committee
Morton Community Center
222 N. Chauncey Avenue
West Lafayette, IN 47906
November 1, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Peter Bunder, Chair, who presided.

Present: Peter Bunder, Arnold Sweet, Colby Bartlett, Chris Kulesza*, Erik Carlson**, Kurt Wahl***

Absent:

At the beginning of the sub-committee meeting, Kurt Wahl, an advisor to the Historic Preservation Commission, explained that for this Certificate of Appropriateness (COA), he would like to act as applicant and test how the sub-committee should review a COA that comes in front of the sub-committee. For this sub-committee meeting, the COA is the home of Commissioner Peter Bunder, who abstained from voting on this COA for posterity's sake. President of the Historic Preservation Commission, Chris Kulesza, was present as the COA for the month of November is a fellow Commissioner.

701 North Chauncey Avenue

Wahl spoke about the COA for 701 North Chauncey Avenue. He stated that there are four windows that are in need of repair and only one window is visible from the public right of way. There are windows that have been replaced in the past, and the current suggested replacements are similar to those already replaced. Commissioner Sweet asked if the windows are original to the house. Bunder stated yes they are. Commissioner Bartlett asked when the house was built, which Bunder replied in the 1930's. Commissioner Bartlett asked why do you need to replace the windows. Bunder stated that they are leaky, not repairable, in disrepair and warped. Wahl stated that there needs to be facts on why the windows needed to be replaced for the sub-committee to vote for approval. Commissioner Bartlett asked how many original windows are still installed in the house. Bunder stated that most of the windows that are currently in the house are originals. Wahl spoke about the materials of the replacement windows, which are close to the materials and style used in the original windows. Wahl stated that this information should be presented to the sub-committee to justify the replacement. Commissioner Bartlett stated that after hearing all the information that was presented and that the applicant did their best to match the materials and style of the existing windows, he moves to approve the COA for 701 North Chauncey. Commissioner Sweet seconded. The COA was approved unanimously 2-0 and one abstention.

Bunder spoke about the dormers on building at 701 North Chauncey and what the Commission will see with dormer replacements. Carlson clarified that the Commission can only vote on projects that can be seen from public right-of-way's. Wahl commented on the precedent the

Historic Preservation Commission in Lafayette has set on window replacements on multi-story homes. Bunder spoke about a professional evaluation of all the buildings within the historic district. Carlson asked if Bunder knew when this was done. Bunder stated that it happened in 1990's. Commissioner Bartlett asked if Chauncey Village is part of the historic district. Bunder answered no. Commissioner Bunder stated that in the past, there was a movement for the Chauncey Village to become another historic district. Commissioner Bartlett stated that he would like to bring this topic up, especially with the State Street project happening.

Public Comment

There was no public comment. Commissioner Bartlett moved to adjourn. Commissioner Sweet seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26pm.

Peter Bunder, Chair