

HISTORICAL COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

October 22, 2020

1. Call to order at 7:00pm
2. Roll Call – Laura Myers, Ben Ridderbos, Robert Senn, Jill Keller, Chris Schroer, Janie Gundlach
3. Approval of agenda – Moved Myers, seconded Ridderbos, all ayes
4. Public Comment - none
5. Approval of Minutes – regular meeting of August 27, 2020, moved Myers, seconded Ridderbos, all ayes.
6. Financial Report – provided in meeting packet.
7. Warner Mansion Activities:
 - a. The Mansion continues to raise funds for the cellar door replacement. So far, \$1,200 has been raised from recent fundraising events. The next scheduled event will be this coming Sunday (10/25) and will be a cemetery walk at Quaker Cemetery (\$20/ticket). Museum Director anticipates the cellar door to cost approximately \$1,450 based on internet research (no bids have been received as of yet). The Director (Mary-Jeanne Shore) is looking at replacing the existing wood door and foundation with a steel door with new foundation. The Commission would like to see the steel door clad in wood to keep with historic character of the house. Commission is okay with install of the steel door immediately and can address the wood cladding in the spring so that the cellar is protected during the winter months.
8. New Business
 - a. Economic & Community Development Department
 - i. **Garage Addition** at Mulcahy Residence (23812 Farmington Road). The plan is to remove existing garage and build new two-car garage in its place. Elevation drawings were presented. Senn and the Commission recommended that the owners keep with the house's craftsman style look with the new garage and appear to achieve that with the gable shakes. Senn recommended a three-panel overhead door or something similar to create more of a historic character to the front of the garage. Owner described the new roof and said that the house will be getting a new roof in the coming years that will match the new garage roof. There were comments regarding side yard setbacks that the Commission recommends the Owner addresses with Planning Commission.
Myers moved to approve, Schroer seconded, all ayes. Approved with comments.
 - ii. **Porch Modification** at Campbell Residence (33620 Grand River Avenue). Owner was not present but the Commission reviewed the application anyway. The plan is to rebuild the front porch. Elevation and sectional drawings were presented.

Senn noted a discrepancy between the write-up by Home Base and the drawing regarding the fluted columns. Commission noted that the Trex composite product isn't a historic material but is long-lasting and will look ultimately look appropriate with the context of the house. New design is simple overall and will look appropriate with the front of the house.

Myers moved to approve, Senn seconded, all ayes.

9. Old Business

- a. Warner Mansion Fountain Repair – Not much new to report. Ridderbos has looked into repair/preservation expertise for the fountain but hasn't had much luck. Will still look into further.
- b. Historical Commission Annual Report. Myers noted that there hasn't been many meetings this year due to lack of projects presented to the commission and Covid.

10. Correspondence and Communications – There has not been a lot of mail this year.

11. Commission Comments

- a. Request to Commission to renew MHS 2-Year Membership was discussed and approved.
- b. Request to Commission to renew MHPN annual membership (dues have increased) was discussed and approved. There is Historical Commissioner training available online that the Commission is encouraged to look at.

12. Adjournment – 7:47pm