

Edwardsville Historic Preservation Commission
May Meeting Minutes

Approval Date: 06.10.20

Signature: 

Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: via Zoom video/audio conference

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chairman Tom May called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

II. ROLL CALL (present)

Present: Brandon Adair, Ryan Downey, John Hackett, Joe Hutton, Stephanie Lantz, Tom May, Reggie Resper, Kerry Smith and Jennifer Plocher Wilkins. (Excused Absence: Bob Nickrent)

III. ANNOUNCEMENT

Edwardsville lost former 5-term mayor Gary Niebur who passed away recently. Niebur also headed the local YMCA for many years. He will be greatly missed.

IV. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS HPC: None

V. CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

a. COA #1: 722 Holyoake Road (within the LeClaire Historic District)

Property Owner: Edwardsville Children's Museum

Project: Fence

Moved by Joe Hutton and seconded by Ryan Downey to accept COA #1 for discussion. Brandon Adair asked about the height of the fence. HPC policy says it must not be taller than 42 inches.

Jennifer Wilkins made a motion to approve, Ryan Downey seconded.

Roll call vote: Brandon Adair yes, Ryan Downey yes, John Hackett yes, Joe Hutton yes, Stephanie Lantz yes, Reggie Resper yes, Kerry Smith yes, Jennifer Plocher Wilkins yes, Tom May yes. Unanimous approval (9-0) to approve COA #1.

b. COA #2: 1303 St. Louis Street (within St. Louis Street Historic District)

Property Owner: Tom Steinmann (Contractor Joe Kinsella representing owner)

Project: Room addition. All material will match existing house. Flat roof. Prairie-style home. Addition is same width but about 4 feet deeper. Ryan Downey made a motion to accept for discussion, Reggie Resper seconded.

Brandon Adair made motion, Reggie Resper seconded to approve COA #2.

Roll call vote: unanimous (9-0) in favor of approving COA #2.

c. **COA #3: 118 Franklin Avenue (within LeClaire Historic District)**

Property Owner: Mel Eaker (Contractor Joe Kinsella representing owner)

Projects: 1) Wood deck, 2) Siding (using hardy board), 3) tapered columns, 4) railings.

Reggie Resper motioned, Brandon Adair seconded to discuss.

Increasing the grading around the back of the house to reduce a wet basement.

Reggie Resper made a motion, Joe Hutton seconded to approve COA #3.

Roll call vote: unanimous (9-0) in favor approving COA #3.

d. **COA #4: 607 St. Louis Street (within St. Louis Street Historic District)**

Property Owner: Wendy Thibodeaux

Kerry Smith motioned, Brandon Adair seconded to discuss.

Carport project – there are just cement pavers now...not wide enough for car...want to use a brick-style pavers.

Projects: 1) Carport, 2) Driveway

No vote because P&Z restrictions restrict the homeowner from her plan. She will rethink it.

e. **COA #5: 1219 Lindenwood Avenue (within LeClaire Historic District)**

Property Owner: Kris Horvath

Project: Detached garage (old garage got eaten by termites)

Originally approved in 2016 but expired. Property owner seeks to renew COA.

Tom May says garage did not fit where property owner was originally planning on putting it.

Reggie made a motion, Joe Hutton seconded to discuss.

Emily Fultz (City Planner) said these structures would have occupied in excess of 30% of lot but they applied and received a city variance. This COA is their last step toward obtaining a building permit to build the new garage. This plan does meet all P&Z regulations.

Reggie Resper motion to approve COA #5, Ryan Downey seconded.

Roll-call vote: Unanimous (9-0) in favor of approving COA #5.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF HPC MEETING IN MARCH

HPC board members present, with a voice vote, unanimously (10-0) approved the March 11, 2020 minutes of Edwardsville HPC meeting as submitted.

Reggie made motion to approve minutes, Ryan Downey seconded.

Roll-call vote: Unanimous 9-0 in favor of approving the March 2020 HPC meeting minutes.

VII. FINANCIAL REPORT

HPC has a full budget.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Attaboy Letters – 202 Franklin Street. Tom recommended this for the porch renovation and has asked Walt to send a letter of congrats.
- b. Historic Districts and Landmarks Updates
 - 1. Stephenson House
 - 2. Brick Streets
 - 3. Downtown
 - 4. Leclair
 - 5. St. Louis Street

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **202 Franklin Street** – Possible attaboys letter for front porch.
- b. **Voting on HPC officers for coming year** – Chair (Tom May) Vice Chair (Jennifer Plocher Wilkins), Secretary: Kerry Smith.
Joe Hutton made motion, Reggie seconded, to keep same officers. Roll-call vote 9-0 in favor of keeping the same slate of officers. Joe Hutton thanked the officers for remaining in place another year amidst a year of uncertainty.
- c. **Discussion of Presentation Awards** – We do have the 3 sites. Presentation is next Tuesday, May 19 7pm in virtual (Zoom) City Council meeting at which the awards will be presented. Jennifer will prepare the before and after photos and narrative and send them to Walt.
- d. **Route 66 Festival Cancelled for 2020**

XII. ADJOURNMENT: Next HPC Meeting is Wednesday, June 10, 2020. Chairman Tom May adjourned the May 13, 2020 meeting at 8:06pm.

Minutes respectfully recorded and submitted 5/13/2020 by Kerry Smith, HPC Secretary