

LIBERTY HISTORIC DISTRICT REVIEW COMMISSION
Meeting Summary
July 18, 2023
5:30 pm
City Council Chambers

Roll Call: Paemon Aramjoo, Linda Armstrong, John Carr, Kathy Chelton, Vern Drottz, Aimee Gray, Matt Grundy, Brett Rinker, Katie Schmidt

Present: Paemon Aramjoo, John Carr, Vern Drottz, Aimee Gray, Matt Grundy, Brett Rinker

Absent: Kathy Chelton, Linda Armstrong, Katie Schmidt

Applicants: Nick Hartzler 455 Miller Ave, Ashley Foland A3G Architects for 343 W. Liberty Dr.

Staff Present: Jeanine Thill, Community Development Manager

Chairman Grundy called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Summary: July 5, 2023 HDRC Meeting Summary

A motion was made by Commissioner Rinker to approve the July 5, 2023 meeting summary as submitted, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Drottz. The motion passed 6-0-0.

Current Business:

HDRC Case#23-005PH Consideration of a detached sun room at 343 W Liberty Drive, Prospect Heights Historic District.

- Ms. Foland said the homeowner would like to build the sunroom to better enjoy her garden. She clarified that the windows will match the windows on the existing carriage house. On the drawing it shows four lite. The muntin's are vertical. On the north side 4/2 on the S side 4/2 cross pattern, they are proposing the cross pattern
- Vice Chairman Carr asked if they will cut the Miratec trim to match the existing.
- Ms. Foland said that the plan was to do 5 ½ inch, but they can cut it down to match the existing.
- Commissioner Rinker commented that the doors are vertical two panel. He asked if they are able to get the single one panel door. Ms. Foland said they would try.
- Chairman Grundy commented that with this being an accessory structure and not visible from the street, adding that he is comfortable with it.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rinker to approve the application with the stipulation that the door is a single panel with half lite on top and trim to match the existing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Aramjoo. The motion passed 5-0-1. Gray recused herself.

HDRC Case# 23-009J Consideration of exterior alterations and like in kind repairs at 455 Miller Ave, Jewell Historic District, a 353 project.

- Mr. Hartzell said that the walk on the westside of the home will be replaced with stepping stones similar to the foundation. The rest will be poured concrete. He added that eighteen of the windows had aluminum storm windows and they need to order six more. The two on the back had a single pane wood. He would like to put aluminum to match the rest of the house.
- Mr. Hartzell shared a drawing of the new door to the basement. The new door will be board & batten style, the Z bracing will be exposed.
- Mr. Hartzell said the sidewalk and storm windows will be the only things he will count toward the tax abatement.
- Vice Chairman Carr asked if they are planning to put lattice back on the front porch.
- Mr. Hartzell said replacing it is not part of his plan.
- Vice Chairman Carr asked about the soffit on the south elevation, there appears to be a vent.
- Mr. Hartzell said he said he will have to take a look at it closer, he doesn't think it is a working vent.
- Vice Chairman Carr thanked the applicant for removing the inappropriate shutters.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gray to approve the application as noted. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Carr. The motion passed 6-0-0.

Other Business:

Administrative Approvals since the July 5, 2023 meeting:

- 239 N Lightburne for storm doors

Miscellaneous matters from the Commission:

- Vice Chairman Carr said there will be some more renovation to 8 & 10 N. Main Street.
- Chairman Grundy asked if there is anything in our Design Guidelines as it relates to colors, as noted in the New Construction, that would apply to existing structures.
- Staff will check on it.
- Commissioner Rinker asked about the status of the vacant Neal Ray building on Kansas Street.
- Commissioner Gray said they are not able to use it as they had planned.

Miscellaneous matters from Staff:

- At the request of Councilman Phillips, staff is looking into the process for establishing new local historic districts.
- This is also a recommendation in the Preservation Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.