

**Bloomington Historic Preservation Commission
Showers City Hall
McCloskey Room
Thursday January 25, 2018
5:00 PM
Minutes**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, **Jeff Goldin**, called meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners

Doug Bruce
Flavia Burrell
Jeff Goldin
John Saunders
Chris Sturbaum

Advisory

Deb Hutton

Staff

Alison Kimmel
Rachel Ellenson
Eric Sader
Philippa Guthrie

Guests

Jeannine Butler
Brian Chelius
Sib Sheikh
Nicholas Carder
David Whaley
Margaret Menge

Rachel Ellenson read enconium for Jeannine Butler into minutes. **Chris Sturbaum** stated he would be willing to read into City Council minutes during public comment.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John Saunders made a motion to approve January 11, 2018 minutes. **Flavia Burrell** seconded. **Motion carried 4/0/1 (Yes/No/Abstain).**

IV. CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

Commission Review

A. COA 18-02

416 E. 4th Street: Restaurant Row Historic District

Petitioner: Sib Sheikh

Retroactive request for COA approval to install a sign to protect a historic hitching post in the public right-of-way in front of the main house.

Rachel Ellenson gave presentation. See packet for details.

Sib Sheikh commented the sign surrounding the hitching post is to help with protection of the original structure. He instructed his contractor to produce something that protects the post, but does not hide it.

John Saunders asked if the boards on the side were treated lumber. **Sib Sheikh** stated it is.

Chris Sturbaum commented it is amazing the ring is still existing. It may not technically be the “last” hitching post but it is the last one of these standard posts that were everywhere in the city. There is one other but it is a different type.

Doug Bruce stated he agrees with Chris, even though it may not be technically the last hitching post, by stating it is the “last” hitching post it will help protect the post. He also stated he would like if the wood on the side of the posts eventually came off.

John Saunders made a motion to approve **COA-18-02**. **Flavia Burrell** seconded.
Motion carried 5/0/0.

V. DEMOLITION DELAY

Staff Review

A. Demo Delay 18-01

703 W. 9th Street

Petitioner: Shahyar Daneshgar

Partial demolition.

Rachel Ellenson gave presentation. See packet for detail.

Commission Review

A. Demo Delay 17-23 (continued from last meeting – Jan. 11)

1355 W. Allen Street

Petitioner: David Whaley

Full demolition.

Rachel Ellenson gave presentation. See packet for detail.

Flavia Burrell asked why it is going to be demolished. **David Whaley** stated the house was inherited and it is in much worse shape than the exterior may show. The house is also surrounded by apartments.

Chris Sturbaum commented the inventory of “this type of house” is large. It is okay to release this permit.

Doug Bruce stated he agrees with Chris. There is no need to delay this permit.

John Saunders made a motion to release the permit for **1355 W. Allen Street, Demo Delay 17-23**. **Chris Sturbaum** seconded. **Motion carried 5/0/0**.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Batman House Designation

Chris Sturbaum made a motion to move designation to City Council. **John Saunders** seconded. **Motion Carried 5/0/0**.

B. Other

Jeff Goldin stated there is an advisory board for developing the new UDO. He thinks it would be beneficial to have a representative from the Historic Preservation Commission to sit on the board. **Chris Sturbaum** made a motion to request that the parties in charge reserve a seat on the advisory board for an HPC member. **John Saunders** seconded. **Motion carried 5/0/0**.

VII. COURTESY REVIEW

NONE

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

IX. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chris Sturbaum commented he thinks the old Hunter School and the Hospital Administration building should be designated before the demolition of the IU Health hospital. **Jeff Goldin** asked Rachel if she would do research on those two structures and report to the commission the next meeting.

Chris Sturbaum commented he believes Deb Hutton deserves a spot on the board as a voting member. She shows up to every meeting and provides input.

Doug Bruce stated he is glad to be back as a member of the HPC.

Chris Sturbaum stated he appreciates the way the HPC is dealing with SHAARD properties. He enjoys being able to see all of them and filter the properties as they come to the HPC for demo-delay.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Margaret Mengee stated she just moved back to Bloomington. She has been gone for the past 20 years. She was in Bloomington for college in the 1990's. She stated when she came back she was surprised to see the amount of change in Bloomington. She has been communicating with some other current and past residents of Bloomington and she wanted to speak on behalf of the community, to let the commission know how much people treasure the old buildings in the town. She stated she is thrilled to see the buildings on the square are mostly the same, but she is devastated to see the change on Kirkwood, including a six-story hotel being built. She wants to see how the city can protect more buildings and protect buildings from "demolition by neglect." **Jeff Goldin** explained to Margaret the difference between local designation, national designation, demo-delay and the COA process. He stated if she had more process questions he would encourage her to work with staff.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rachel Ellenson commented she updated the Historic Preservation website to be more user friendly.

Rachel Ellenson commented there is still an opening for the scholarship offer for the state conference. It is located in Columbus.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Jeff Goldin adjourned meeting at 5:50 p.m.