

**MINUTES  
CITY OF AMES  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

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| Date: July 29, 2019                    | Peter Hallock, Chairperson          | 2021 |
|  | *Ted Grevstad-Nordbrock, Vice-Chair | 2022 |
| Call to Order: 6:00 PM                 | Lisa Hovis                          | 2021 |
| Place: Ames City Hall Council Chambers | Edith Hunter                        | 2020 |
|  | *Barry Snell                        | 2020 |
| Adjournment: 6:10 PM                   | Susan Minks                         | 2021 |

[\*Absent]

CALL TO ORDER: Peter Hallock, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

MOTION: (Hovis/Hunter) to approve the Agenda for the meeting of July 29, 2019.

*MOTION PASSED: (4-0)*

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 13, 2019:**

MOTION: (Hovis/Minks) to approve the Minutes of the meeting of May 13, 2019.

*MOTION PASSED: (4-0)*

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PUBLIC FORUM: There were no public comments.

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**CONSIDER A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR 821 CLARK AVENUE TO CONSTRUCT AN ADDITION ON THE REAR OF THE HOUSE, AND TO RELOCATE THE EXISTING DETACHED GRAGE ON THE PROPERTY**

Ray Anderson, Planner, stated that both the house and garage at 821 Clark Avenue are contributing structures of the Ames Historic District. The house was build in 1890 and the garage in 1921.

The homeowner is looking to make an addition to that home brings the basement stairway up to comply with clearance guidelines and City code. In order to do this they must build an addition in back and move the north wall about 10 inches. The garage itself will have to be moved in from the property line about 3 feet.

Mr. Anderson pointed out Chapter 31 of the City Code states the relocation of a structure may be an alternative to demolition. Staff believes moving the garage would avoid demolition, allow the addition to be built, and the structures would meet City code.

John Lott, Benjamin Design, is the contractor on the project. Mr. Lott stated that the old staircase did not meet several useable standards. Their goal is to create a servable, safe stairway. He believes that their design is making the home current and also respecting the guidelines set by the Historic Preservation Commission.

Lisa Hovis, Commission Member, stated she believes this appears to be a good solution to bringing the home up to code. Commission agreed.

Mr. Hallock stated he drove by the property. The garage has traditionally had front-access and this would keep it that way.

MOTION: (Hovis/Hunter) to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness and the recommendations set by City Staff.

*MOTION PASSED: (4-0)*

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COMMISSION COMMENTS:

There were no comments.

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STAFF COMMENTS: Mr. Anderson stated that there was a COA submitted on the northeast corner of Burnett Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Street for a fence. That is the only new submission at this time.

Mr. Anderson added that Eloise Stahlstrom, Planner, and Ms. Hovis, are currently working on a display for City Hall's front display case. It would highlight some of Downtown's façade improvements of the years.

Mr. Hallock said he has been very impressed by the house at Burnett Avenue and 8<sup>th</sup> Street and their new front porch.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN:

MOTION: (Hovis/Hunter) to adjourn the meeting.

*MOTION PASSED: (4-0)*

The meeting adjourned at 6:10PM



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Peter Hallock, Chairperson  
Historic Preservation Commission



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Ben Lievens, Recording Secretary  
Department of Planning & Housing