

**MINUTES
CITY OF AMES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Date: November 14, 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: 6:21PM	Susan Minks	2021

[*Absent]

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: (Hovis/Grevstad-Nordbrock) to approve the Agenda for the meeting of November 14, 2019.

MOTION PASSED: (6-0)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF July 29, 2019:

MOTION: (Minks/Hovis) to approve the Minutes of the meeting of July 29, 2019.

MOTION PASSED: (6-0)

PUBLIC FORUM: There were no public comments.

CONSIDER A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR 320 9TH STREET, IN THE OLD TOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT, FOR ALTERATION TO THE EXISTING DETACHED GARAGE ON THE PROPERTY

Ray Anderson began by giving a brief summary of what is being considered in regards to the garage at 320 9th Street. He noted this is an amendment of the certificate issued in 2018. Mr. Anderson said the meeting today has to do with height of the walls of the garage. Mr. Anderson said when inspecting the garage it was noted the walls were higher than what was indicated in the original approval. The walls were 20 inches higher and the owner has to get approval even though the walls are already built. Mr. Anderson said one factor of the wall height difference was the garage had settled and the siding was down 4-5 inches below the dirt, and now it is up on a foundation that it was not before. Mr. Anderson continued to say that the door of the garage was hidden at the top of the opening, and they adjusted that with alterations they made. He said a good share of why the garage walls are taller is because of those changes that were made. Mr. Anderson said the design has to do with the architectural style, which does not address height of walls. Mr. Anderson said the code talks about retaining historic details of structure, but does not say height specifically. He said the staff recommendation is for approval.

Mr. Hallock asked Mr. Jim Wilcox, applicant, if he would like to make a statement.

Mr. Wilcox said he was surprised the garage came out taller. He said he was guessing the height is about 16-18 inches taller than it used to be. Mr. Wilcox said he did not expect that two years ago.

Mr. Hallock asked if any of the commission members had questions.

Edith Hunter asked if Mr. Wilcox planned to replace the garage door.

Mr. Wilcox replied he did not plan on it this year but eventually will because it's beat up. He stated he hopes to once the weather warms up.

Ms. Hunter said the garage door could be made taller because the scale seems off.

Mr. Wilcox said maybe next year, the door is all the way down in the dirt due to renovations.

Barry Snell suggested there might be other elements of the period that Mr. Wilcox could add to make it look more to scale.

Mr. Hallock asked if there were any other questions.

Mr. Hallock commented that getting a foundation under the garage would preserve the next life it has.

Mr. Hallock asked if there was a motion to approve the certificate of appropriateness.

MOTION: (Grevstad-Nordbrock /Hunter) to approve

MOTION PASSED: (6-0)

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Mr. Snell said the requirements are vague in the code, and that maybe the code should be changed.

Mr. Grevstad-Nordbrock said he would have to go back and look at the code.

Mr. Hallock said it would be useful to have the definition of one-story verses one and a half story residence

Mr. Grevstad-Nordbrock said he thought Mr. Wilcox he explained the situation very well, and it was plausible. He said it was good to see people reinvesting in properties.

Mr. Hallock said he was concerned about the Historic Preservation Commission members missing so many meetings. He said they have not finished the review of the Historic Preservation plan, as they did not have certificates to review. Mr. Hallock said he would like the Commission to meet regularly.

Lisa Hovis said she would like to follow up on Main Street signage for the two entries discussed months ago. She said she did not know where that issue was at with the City Council

Mr. Anderson said he can check into it.

Ms. Hovis asked if the Council had assigned it to a budget.

Mr. Anderson said he did not think they had.

Mr. Hallock said when the City Council met they indicated they might use unallocated funds.

Mr. Anderson said they might need to submit a written request for the Council to respond.

Ms. Hovis said she would get a quote for the signage and they could submit it to Council.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Mr. Anderson said the house at 712 Burnett took off asbestos siding. He noted it was the house that had a fire recently. He said they are replacing most of the windows. He said they put on a big addition back in the 1980's. He said the wood siding underneath was still in good enough shape they could use that, once the asbestos siding was removed.

Mr. Anderson said the house on the corner of 8th Street and Burnett put up a 4-foot wood picket fence. He also noted that the porch at 802 Burnett is nearing completion. He said another porch is underway at 9th Street and Douglas.

Mr. Grevstad-Nordbrock asked if the Commission would meet in December.

Mr. Anderson said they would.

Mr. Hallock said they could go through the minutes and review progression of projects and what has been done. He said they could see where they are at and give assignments. He said it does not work to start on something in this meeting.

Mr. Snell asked if there is anything in the code about how many meetings the Historic Preservation Commission is to have to each year.

Mr. Anderson said the commission is to meet at least 3 times a year. He said to meet they have to have something on the agenda to talk about.

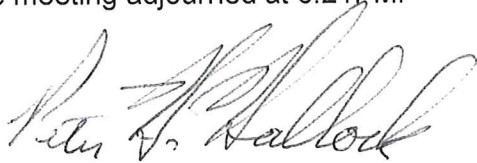
Mr. Hallock noted that when the Commission goes through the Historic Preservation Commission Plan that would be sufficient for the agenda.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

MOTION: (Grevstad-Nordbrock / Hovis) to adjourn the meeting 6:21PM.

MOTION PASSED: (6-0)

The meeting adjourned at 6:21PM.



Peter Hallock, Chairperson
Historic Preservation Commission



Laura Colebrooke, Recording Secretary
Department of Planning & Housing