Members Present: Amanda McKnight-Grafton Chair  
Bob Grafton  
Ron Mussman  
Tim Oberbroeckling  
Mark Stoffer Hunter  
Pat Cargin Phoned in  
Caitlin Hartman  
Sam Bergus  
Barbara Westercamp Phoned in

Members Absent: B.J. Hobart  
Todd McNall

City Staff: Jeff Hintz, Planner  
Anne Kroll, Administrative Assistant II

Call Meeting to Order
  • Amanda McKnight Grafton called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.  
  • Nine (9) Commissioners were present with two (2) absent.

1. Public Comment
   No Public Comment

2. Approve Meeting Minutes
   • Tim Oberbroeckling made a motion to approve the minutes from June 11, 2015. Sam Bergus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Action Items
   a) Demolition Applications
      i. 121 7th Street SW – Private Property
         • Jeff Hintz stated that this property was constructed in 1910. It was surveyed for the 2009 St. Patrick’s and 2014 Citywide Surveys and is not eligible architecturally for listing on any register. Staff was not able to find anything that would indicate that a famous person or archeological site existed here, so staff recommends immediate release. The bottom floor of the property has vinyl siding and the second floor and attic have the original wood lap exterior siding. Habitat for Humanity salvage is planned. Interior and exterior documentation is allowed. There is a row house development site plan that has been approved for this and the surrounding land. Neighborhood Development Corp has acquired all the property on the block except for two properties. The preliminary site plan
has been designed in a way that will be in harmony with those remaining houses. A six-plex will face 2nd Avenue and a four-plex will face 7th Street.

- Mark Stoffer Hunter shared some history of some of the properties on this block that were demolished after the flood.
- Mark Stoffer Hunter spoke with the developer earlier in the day and asked if the house could be moved. The developer does not have a problem with that and is willing to show anyone the property. Mark Stoffer Hunter thought the Commission could put a 60 day hold on it and release it at the next meeting so that there is time for those interested to look at the property. If no one is interested in relocating it then the hold could be release and salvage can continue.
- Bob Grafton stated that Save CR has shown interest in relocating homes and that the 60 day hold would be a good idea so that Save CR has a chance to look at the house.
- Jeff Hintz stated that the developer did not give a timeline, but did indicate that they would like to get started on the demolition in July.
- Tim Oberbroeckling likes the site plan and would not want to hold up their process since it could take up to a year and a half to move a house.

Barb Westercamp joined the meeting via conference call at 4:48 p.m.

- Mark Stoffer Hunter made a motion to place a 60 day hold on 121 7th Street SW so that there is time to do more historic research on the property and to have any interested parties do a walkthrough of the house. The hold can be released at the July 9, 2015 meeting if nothing is found and no one is interested in relocating the property. Bob Grafton seconded the motion. The motion passed with Sam Bergus opposing and Tim Oberbroeckling abstaining.

The Commission discussed starting up a historic district and what steps to take to inform the neighborhoods. Staff will come back to the Commission with more information.

The Commission discussed the next construction phase of 1st Avenue and if any historical buildings would be affected. Jeff Hintz stated that none of the historical buildings will be disturbed. The parking in front of the Irish Democrat may be affected. The Commission asked that staff have someone from Traffic come to an upcoming meeting.

4. Adjournment

- Barb Westercamp made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:07 p.m. Tim Oberbroeckling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Kroll, Administrative Assistant II
Community Development