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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF
THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
CITY OF DELAWARE CITY
Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 7:00p.m.
Delaware City Community Center – 250 Fifth Street**

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Dilliplane called the regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to order at 7:11p.m. Commissioners Keifer, Lyons, Wood, Bricker-Jenkins, and DeLeo were also present, along with City Manager Baylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Mendoza were also in attendance.

ACTION UPON THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- Commissioner Keifer asked what the resolution was on the property discussed at the March 7th meeting (608 William Street)? Did the owner have to go before the Planning Commission? City Manager Baylor said that the owner encroached on city property "significantly." The city is now dealing with this, and all the work the owner has done previously, is going to have to be removed. When going out of this home, via the front door, there are only a few feet before it becomes city property. City Manager Baylor said that it is "unfortunate" since the home-owner had done a lot of nice work on his property.
- Commissioner Lyons made a motion to accept the March 7, 2023 minutes. This was seconded by Commissioner Keifer. A vote was taken, and all members were in favor. *The motion passed.*

NEW BUSINESS

68 Clinton Street (Ronald Mendoza) 18' x 12' Deck on the Back of the House.

Commissioner Dilliplane asked Mr. Mendoza if he was aware that he already came before the HPC to rebuild the back deck and received a "Letter of Appropriateness" in 2021? He said that his contractor (Igor Ramos) came before them in 2021. Mr. Ramos was subsequently fired, and he just left the project. Mr. Mendoza was not aware that his project had been previously approved. Since the new deck will be of different dimensions, Commissioner Dilliplane stated that they will just put that approval and "Letter of Appropriateness" from 2021 aside and start anew.

Commissioner Bricker-Jenkins asked if the area under the house will need to be filled in order to build the deck? Mr. Mendoza said no, and the deck will be a "floating deck." It will not be attached to the home, and it will be very low to the ground. He will be using pressure-treated wood for the deck.

City Manager Baylor asked if the windows had been replaced? He answered, yes, both the front and the back windows had been replaced with "vinyl windows" by the previous contractor.

Commissioner Bricker-Jenkins asked if there is money available to help pay for the outside restoration of this house? Are there tax abatements? City Manager Baylor said there are not tax abatements, but there is a "façade loan program." Commissioner Dilliplane added that the state offers low interest loans and tax credits for qualifying properties. Also, the "Downtown Development District" may have some funds available.

MOTION

Commissioner Bricker-Jenkins made a motion to approve the presented plans for building an 18' x 12' deck on the back of the house with pressure-treated wood. The deck will be unattached – also called "floating." This was seconded by Commissioner Wood. A vote was taken, and all were in favor. ***The motion passed.***

Commissioner Dilliplane told Mr. and Mrs. Mendoza that they will be receiving a "Letter of Appropriateness" in the mail.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Keifer made a motion to adjourn at 7:35p.m. This was seconded by Commissioner DeLeo. A vote was taken, and all were in favor. ***The meeting was adjourned.***

Respectively submitted,

Tina Pincus
City Secretary