

HISTORIC AREA COMMISSION
New Castle Town Hall
2nd and Delaware Streets
May 12, 2016

Present: Sally Monigle, Chairperson
Lynn Briggs
Bill Hentkowski
Jean Norvell
Mike Quaranta

Absent: Leila Hamroun, Consulting Member*

Also Present: Jeff Bergstrom, Building Inspector

The meeting was convened at 6:55 p.m. Roll call followed.

*Ms. Hamroun provided her recommendation for each application to Commissioners prior to meeting.

EMERGENCY REPAIRS

T. Whitehead, 131 E. 2nd Street

Emergency chimney repair.

Discussion: Applicant presented. Material options discussed with applicant.

Action: Application continued.

W. Bentley, 201 Chestnut Street, Apt.1

Entry door replacement (door split from weather/water damage – unable to be secured).

Discussion: Applicant has purchased and installed a non-wood door.

Action: Ms. Norvell made a motion to deny the application. Mr. Hentkowski seconded the motion.

Disposition: Approved unanimously to deny the application.

L. Sheridan, 143 E. 2nd Street

Replace damaged wood siding, repair window frame and sill (water intrusion from damaged siding).

Discussion: Commissioners questioned the emergency nature of the application noting it is unfair to applicants who follow the rules. Commissioners requested a copy of the new guidelines. Draft language concerning the continued abuse of the “process” will be reviewed and communicated to City Council President Linda Ratchford and City Administrator Bill Barthel.

Action: Mr. Quaranta made a motion to approve the application as submitted. Mr. Hentkowski seconded the motion.

Disposition: Approved.

NEW APPLICATIONS

T. Whitehead, 131 E. 2nd Street

Strip stucco on non-visible rear/side and replace with HAC-approved siding/cladding.

Discussion: (Pictures shown.) Applicant presented.

T. Whitehead, 131 E. 2nd Street (Contd.)

Action: Mr. Quaranta made a motion to approve the application as submitted (replacing stucco with cedar clad siding). Ms. Norvell seconded the motion. Disposition: Motion approved.

Center Square Association, 204 Delaware Street

Replace 170 linear square feet of fence per specs presented. (Pictures presented.)

Action: Mr. Quaranta made a motion to approve the application as submitted with the proviso the top cut is at a 30 degree angle. Ms. Briggs seconded the motion. Disposition: Motion approved.

P. Guttenplan, 167 E. 2nd Street

Install custom bent white vinyl clad aluminum around all 29 window openings. Clean and re-caulk. Repair any damaged wood as needed.

Discussion: Applicant presented. He stated he had the windows redone 7-8 years ago. He is seeking to repair using a longer-lasting product. Wood damage is to the sills of the windows. Commissioners noted the four (4) windows in the front are visible and in fairly good condition. Mr. Quaranta is sympathetic to the applicant's request citing that HAC is charged with trying to maintain the historic value of our properties. However, he recommended arranging for the Ms. Hamroun to visit soon and look at the windows targeted for replacement. Ms. Hamroun can provide advice on options. Mr. Quaranta said a decision would then be made at the next meeting. The applicant was receptive.

Action: Application continued to May 2016.

M. Caldwell, 134 E. 4th Street

EPDM flat roof install and install "cricket" on back side of chimney per specs attached.

Discussion: The contractor presented. Dimensional weather wood blend shingles to be used. Photos were encouraged.

Action: Mr. Hentkowski made a motion to approve the application as submitted. Ms. Briggs seconded the motion. Disposition: Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 4/14/16 meeting. Motion approved.

New Business

Ms. Monigle informed Commissioners the New Castle Historical Society (NCHS) is looking for properties in the City that have undergone significant improvements over the last year. NCHS wants to recognize homeowners dedicated to making major improvements to their properties. Commissioners discussed properties that may be viable candidates for this recognition.

Adjournment -- There being no further business to address, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Debbie Turner
Stenographer