MINUTES
OF
MOUNT VERNON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
May 13, 2020

The Historic Preservation Commission met via Zoom on Wednesday, May 13, 2020. Members present on Zoom were Mary Evans, Caroline Kelly, Machele Pelkey, Ed Sauter, Suzette Astley, Sue Hargus, Janet Budack, Leah Rogers and Guy Booth. Minutes of the March 18, 2020 meeting were presented, and upon Motion were approved.

The purpose of the meeting was for design review requested for a fence permit at 518 8th St. NW. This residence is in the Ash Park District. The property is owned by Mike and Jill Ripke. Mr. and Mrs. Ripke desire to put in a black vinyl chain link fence that is 4 feet in height. The fence will run along the north property line and approximately 3.5 feet from the west property line.

The type of fence that is requested has been approved in the past for properties in the historic district. The residence is a ranch style house that was constructed in the 1960's and is not a contributing property to the historic district. The Ripke's have requested a certificate of appropriateness for other repairs and modifications they have made on their house in the last two years. Upon motion made by Ed Sauter, seconded by Guy Booth, a certificate of no material effect was approved.

Mary Evans indicates that she has been taking pictures of "Mount Vernon in the Spring" and has put some of the photos on the website. She has also gathered information about the effect of Covid-19 in the community by showing signs that are in store windows. She identified a Cornell student who may be preparing information about the impact of Covid-19 on the community and on the college which will be available for our website. There was also mention made of the work on the rehabilitation of the windows at Baumans clothing store. The work is close to completion and retains the historic look of the building.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2020 at 9:15 a.m. It is likely the next meeting will also be held via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Guy Booth, Secretary