

MINUTES
OF
MOUNT VERNON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
September 14, 2022

The Historic Preservation Commission met at Mount Vernon City Hall, with available Zoom on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners present at City Hall were Mary Evans, Janet Budack, Duane Eash, Suzette Astley, Wade Squiers, Donnie Moore and Guy Booth. Also present was a guest, J. West.

The Minutes of the September 3, 2022 meeting were approved.

A design review request has been made by Cornell College for approval of a new roof on the West Science Center. The roof replacement was necessary due to derecho damage, and in fact, has been completed. The request for a certificate from HPC did not get forwarded prior to work starting. However, the replacement of the roof is not controversial. Upon motion by Janet Budack, seconded by Wade Squiers, a Certificate of No Material Effect was approved.

The main agenda item for the meeting was a presentation by Chris Quam of Multivista. The Commission is considering ways in which to update and improve the maps of the historic districts. The Cornell District has just been amended and is moving through the approval process. Neither the Ash Park District or the Downtown Commercial District need to be amended, nor do they need to be submitted for any additional approval. However, it will be helpful to persons interested in properties within the districts to have a precise map of the location of the district and the structures within the district. Mr. Quam was able to present information as to how the mapping can be accomplished, as well as how each of the structures can be individually footnoted, and specific information on each structure would be available through an app. Much of the information regarding structures is already within the archives of the Commission. The presentation by Mr. Quam was very instructive, and will lead us toward making decisions on how to best accomplish getting the map information so it is readily available to anyone who inquires about a specific property. Suzette will keep this on the agenda as we have ongoing discussions about the most exact, as well as the most economical way of getting this information documented and available on our website. Duane Eash was responsible for bringing Multivista to the meeting and the expertise presented was very helpful. Suzette indicates she will work on pulling together information that will give us an idea of what steps should be taken and what the various costs of this project could be.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is for October 1, 2022 at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Guy Booth, Secretary