HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: March 9, 2021
Time of Meeting: Regular meeting 6:30 PM
Meeting Location: Webster Groves City Hall, 4 E Lockwood Ave (via teleconference and/or Zoom)

MEMBERS (9): Present Absent
Katie Ortwerth (Chair) x
Anne Halvachs (Vice Chair) x
Doug Stanley x
Brendan Barash x
Steven Stovall x
Michael Rose x
Dacia Stewart x
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Ex-Officio Members (2):
Karen Alexander, Council Member, Council Liaison x
Mara Perry, Dir. Planning & Dev., Staff Liaison x

REGULAR MEETING:
1. Approval of February 9, 2021 Minutes – motion to approve by Michael Rose; second by Doug Stanley
2. Visitor comments - none

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

NEW BUSINESS:
1. 7834 Big Bend Boulevard– Demolition Request Commercial structure - Review of submittal packet, staff memorandum and recommendation; HPC discussion, with lack of remaining historical value noted. Motion to approve demolition request consistent with Staff recommendation without holding for additional review made by Michael Rose; motion seconded by Doug Stanley; passed unanimously 7-0.

2. 726 Landscape – Demolition Request Single Family Structure - Review of submittal packet, staff memorandum and recommendation. HPC asked questions of the engineer Leo Turek from Brucker Engineering about the foundation of the structure. The discussion continued with the costs associated with rebuilding the foundation of the house. In addition, there is water that has gotten into the structure above and was concealed. Anne Halvachs asked about historic details like the stair banister which have already been stripped from the house. HPC discussion, with lack of remaining historical value noted. Motion to approve demolition request consistent with Staff recommendation without holding for additional review made by Brendan Barash; motion seconded by Steven Stovall; passed unanimously 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:
1. "At Risk" property qualifications: HPC members continued the discussion of "at risk" properties. Mara Perry will send HPC members the powerpoint from the meeting for members to use for next month’s meeting. Discussion ongoing.

2. Over 100 Years Properties List - Discussion of app mapping out 100 year old properties, providing information on each. Discussion ongoing.

Steven Stoval moved to adjourn the meeting; Brendan Barash seconded; passed by unanimous vote.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 11, 2021