



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, August 3, 2010 @ 3:30 p.m.
City Hall Conference Room # 2
85 South Main Street, Oberlin, Ohio

Members Present: Jane Blodgett; Carol Ganzel; Lynda Khoury and Lizzie Tisher

Members Absent: Pat Murphy

Others Present: Steven Varelman, Director of Oberlin College Facilities Planning and Construction; John Mazze, Clark & Post Architects Inc.; Tita Reed, Staff Support and Sandra Phillips, Secretary to the Historic Preservation Commission

Blodgett called this meeting of the Oberlin Historic Preservation Commission to order at approximately 3:30 p.m.

I. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Certificate of Appropriateness Approval – 154 Forest Street Oberlin College President's House

Steve Varelmann, Director of Oberlin College Facilities Planning and Construction told the Commission that they are proposing modification and expansion of north dormer of home to reflect south (street façade) dormer. Addition to and refurbishing of existing garage that will give more space for storage, wider entrance, include new garage doors, and a new roof.

John Mazze, Clark & Post Architect said there were some challenges with this being an historical structure, but there is a need for an addition to the garage, versus the existing structure. The proposal is to make the space usable. In doing that the current double doors are going to be removed and replaced with one large steel door, not changing the overall size. There will be patch work done, replacing light fixtures, using match to existing brick, and retain the same look of old door. The asphalt shingles will be replaced with grand slate shingles (essence green from Vermont) made to replicate shingles, and maintaining slopes of existing structure using white trim. The brick (Keystone) will be removed from above the existing garage doors and beam placed to secure weight.

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Khoury said she has some concerns with the removal of the brick above the garage door. She said with removing the brick it makes the garage look more modern. She asked if the brick could be placed back up after the work is completed. Varelmann said with the beam being placed there, the bricks cannot be placed back in there original places.

Tisher said she disagrees with adding the addition and removal of bricks. In doing this it will look as if the addition has always been a part of the garage, which is against the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. She believes this will look diminishing to the historic structure.

John Mazze explained the proposal for the north dormer modifications to the house. The existing window has windows, but a lack of light. This modification would make more space for office and bring in more light. Mazze said it would be a good solution to the current issues.

Khoury made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for Oberlin College President's House @ 154 Forest Street for the dormer and the addition to the garage, with the consideration that the College will come back with trim above the garage doors. Ganzel seconded. Vote passed (3 yeas and 1 no).

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