

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION – AD HOC MEETING

Time and Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at 12:00 p.m. in the Birch Room of Wausau City Hall
Members Present: Gisselman (C), Grimm, Gidlund, Forer, Tryczak
Others Present: Lenz, Dan Driebel, Maureen Driebel

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and transmitted to the *Wausau Daily Herald* in the proper manner.

Chairperson Gisselman called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 p.m. stating that a quorum was present.

Certificate of Appropriateness for 715 North 5th Street.

Gisselman said that the property is located in the Andrew Warren Historic District and signals the review of this committee.

Dan Driebel said that prior to their ownership, it was owned by one family since 1938. In that time, it was abandoned for the last 2 years. The plan is to bring it back to how it originally looked. The glass block is not original and has no R-value. The glass block wall will be replaced with a wood-framed wall and will be insulated. Some siding was found that matches the existing siding. White vinyl windows will be installed in the house. These are part of the original request. Since the original request, several other things have been added. The green metal awnings are broken and rusted. These will be removed. The front door light is hanging by the wires; this will be replaced and brought up to code. The front door header wood is split and will need to be replaced. The front door is very cute and will not be changed. The garage door windows are broken. The garage door will be replaced. There aren't any gutters on the house and is creating a water problem in the basement. 4 ½" white vinyl gutters will be installed. The chain link fence in the back is hideous and will be removed. It will be replaced with a rod iron or picket fence. Driebel said there are a lot of things.

Gisselman asked Driebel if there is a story of the glass wall. Driebel said that they are trying to find out, but haven't had any luck. The owner sat in the area a lot, which would have been a dining room area. Gisselman asked if it is visible from the street. Driebel said it is in the back yard, but visible from Franklin Street. The glass wall allows light in, but you cannot see out. Gidlund said it gives privacy, with the light reflection. Driebel asked if any yard work would need to come through this commission. Gisselman said that it wouldn't and the fence wouldn't either. Only exterior items would need to go through the commission.

Forer asked if windows that are being removed are wood windows. Driebel answered yes and said some of the windows are vinyl. It looked like windows were replaced at different times.

Gidlund asked who the manufacturer is. Driebel said he didn't have that with.

Lenz asked if the siding would be a different color. Driebel said it is the same color, maybe some shade difference. Driebel said he would love to get history of the house. Gisselman said there isn't much. Forer said there is history on the company, but not the house.

Grimm motioned to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 715 North 5th Street. Gidlund seconded, and the motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Adjournment

Tryczak motioned to adjourn. Grimm seconded, and the motion carried unanimously 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gary Gisselman, Chair