

Minutes

Augusta Historic Preservation Commission

October 19, 2015

6:00 pm at City Center, Conference Room D

Members Present: Sylvia Hudson, Jerry Bumford, Phyllis von Herrlich, Lorie Mastemaker, Andy Loman

Members Absent: Dale McCormick

Others Present: Betsy Poulin, Robin Veilleux, Richard Bridges

Introductions. Robin Veilleux is the facilities manager at Motivational Services

Project Overview by Robin Veilleux.

- Building vacant for 5-6 years.
- Had annual inspections prior to becoming vacant.
- For health & safety/code reasons, people were moved out of the building. Not officially declared unsafe, but inspector mentioned they should move to another location.
- Estimates for rehabilitation are unaffordable.
- Have contacted Portland Architectural Salvage, who is interested in building material salvage.
- Motivational Services owns adjacent property, if building was demolished, they want to keep the land. Proposing new semi-independent housing for disabled on the site, using in-house financing.

Board Recommendations.

- Consider contacting development outfit to renovate the building, an example is Shalom House in Portland.
- Use of preservation tax credits.
- Community reinvestment dollars available.
- Consider contacting Maine State Historic Preservation Commission for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, contact Christy Mitchell.
- Christopher Closs of Maine Preservation can provide free assessment of property.
- Commission members would like the opportunity to tour the building.

Research presentation by Richard Bridges, consultant.

- Review of information provided in packet about past owners.
- 1884 street numbering first occurred, so this property has most likely always been 18 Green Street.

Review Criteria Section 6-35(g) of the Augusta Code of Ordinances

1. The building is listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places, or is partially or completely within the boundaries of an area so listed; or
2. The building has been determined by the State Historic Preservation Office and/or the National Park Service to be eligible for listing on the State or National Register of Historic Places; or
3. The building is on a list of historic buildings adopted by the City Council; or
4. The building has documented associations, to the satisfaction of the Historic Preservation Commission, with one or more historic persons or events, or with the **broad architectural**, cultural, political, **economic** or **social history** of the City, the state or the nation; or
5. The building has documented historical or architectural importance in terms of **period, style, method of construction**, specific use, or association with a recognized builder or architect, either by itself or in the context of a group of buildings.

Motion by Jerry. 18 Green Street is a potentially significant building based on Criteria 4, due to broad architectural, economic and social history and Criteria 5 due to period, style and method of construction. Seconded by Sylvia. All in favor. Motion passed 5:0.

Public Hearing scheduled November 4, 2015 at 6:00pm in the Lecture hall.

The meeting ended at 6:55 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Betsy Poulin.