

Meeting Minutes

Augusta Historic Preservation Commission

January 6, 2016

7:00 pm at City Center, Lecture Hall

Members Present: Lorie Mastemaker, Dan Stevens, Dale McCormick, Jerry Bumford, Phyllis von Herrlich

Members Absent: Andy Loman

Others Present: Betsy Poulin-City Staff, Richard Bridges, Philip Davidson-MPDC II, Inc.

- 2 Hemple Street - Wrecking and Demolition Permit Application, discussion to determine potential significance.
 - Richard Bridges gave a summary of the history of the building.
 - Built around 1930 by Fred and Gertrude Trask. Fred was a teamster and truck driver
 - Sold to Lovina Brown and Gertrude Goodridge in 1949. They worked at the EE Taylor shoe factory
 - Lovina Brown sold to Robert and Maria Theberge in 1968.
 - MPDC bought the property in 2013 and it has been vacant since purchase.
 - No historical events are associated with the building.
 - Philip Davidson, MPDC employee: MPDS stands for Meadow Park Development Corporation. They own and manage their own properties in Augusta. Tried to rent this unsuccessfully. Want to demolish the building and leave the property vacant.

Motion by Dale that the building is potentially significant due to the fact that it meets Criteria #5, based on context of buildings.

Vote 2:3. Motion failed. Building determined to NOT be potentially significant.

Motion by Gerry that the building is NOT potentially significant because it does not meet any of the 5 criteria.

Seconded by Dan Stevens.

Vote:

Criteria #1: Does not meet criteria.	5:0	Motion passes.
Criteria #2: Does not meet criteria.	5:0	Motion passes.
Criteria #3: Does not meet criteria.	5:0	Motion passes.
Criteria #4: Does not meet criteria.	3:2	Motion passes.
Criteria #5: Does not meet criteria.	3:1:1	Motion passes.
Entire Motion: Building is NOT potentially significant.		
Vote:	3:2	Motion passes

Discussion: Dale would like some poplars planted as a buffer for the Southern Avenue residents from traffic on State Street.

- Minutes
 - Dan moved that the minutes be accepted as written for December 2, 2015 and December 9, 2015 for both the regular meeting and public hearing.
 - Seconded by Jerry
 - Vote: 5:0 Minutes accepted as written.
- Old Business
 - Letter to City Council about Downtown National Historic District postponed until next meeting.
- New Business
 - National Historic Preservation Month (May)
 - Andy can provide information at the next meeting.
 - The topic is yet to be announced.
 - Collaboration with Mill Park Farmer's Market and Edwards Mill site.
 - Dan suggested using old doors hinged together as a backdrop for photo/fact display.
 - Annual Report
 - Add: # of Hearings Held, # Demolished, # Demo Delay Imposed, # Saved.
- Other
 - Death of Commission member, Sylvia Hudson on January 2, 2016. No obituary has been published yet. Commission can decide what is appropriate to do in her memory, whether it is flowers or a donation.
 - Jerry mentioned resigning, but could stay on the Commission considering Sylvia's death.
 - MaineCalling on MPBN rebroadcasted the talk about Historic Preservation which originally aired September 30, 2015.
 - Betsy showed the Commission the building plaque sign to be presented to Leo Murphy for 16 Pleasant Street, the Plummer Funeral Home, at the City Council Meeting on January 21, 2016.
 - Betsy showed the Commission the brochure holder for Museum in the Streets.
 - Dan Mitchell will be at the Adult Education program in both Augusta and Waterville with a program titled "A Survey of Central Maine's Architectural History".
 - Augusta was named 50th out of 100 small towns across the nation by Livability.com

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45.

Next Meeting February 3, 2016 for a Regularly Scheduled meeting.
Minutes by Betsy Poulin, City Staff.