

## REPORT OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION / DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

Wednesday, December 7, 2011 – 4:30 p.m.

City Conference Room –County/City Building  
1515 Strongs Avenue – Stevens Point, WI 54481

PRESENT: Chairperson Beveridge, Commissioner Siebert, Commissioner Myers, Commissioner Walther, Commissioner Hanson, and Alderperson Mary Stroik.

ALSO PRESENT: Community Development Director Michael Ostrowski and Luke Hilgers.

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Discussion and possible action on the following:

1. Approval of the report from the October 5, 2011 meeting.
  2. Request from Luke Hilgers, for an exterior building review for the replacement of the front door at **1141 Main Street (Parcel ID 2408-32-2026-01)**.
  3. Updating Chapter 22 (Historic Preservation / Design Review) of the Stevens Point Revised Municipal Code and the Design Guidelines for the Historic Preservation / Design Review Commission.
  4. Other business.
  5. Adjourn.
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1. Approval of the report from the October 5, 2011 meeting.

**Motion by Commissioner Siebert to approve the report as presented; seconded Commissioner Hanson. Motion carried 5-0 (Alderperson Stroik was not present at the time of vote).**

2. Request from Luke Hilgers, for an exterior building review for the replacement of the front door at **1141 Main Street (Parcel ID 2408-32-2026-01)**.

Commissioner Siebert asked if this style of door was the only one available, since this is a residential door. Mr. Hilgers stated that the reason that they had picked that style of door was that it looked decent, but there were other doors of that style downtown. From his perspective, he did not know there were regulations on door styles. He had hired a contractor and worked with him, not knowing that there would be another process to go through.

Commissioner Siebert asked about the picture provided with a similar door that was red in color. Mr. Hilgers stated that the previous door was similar to that design, except that it was painted a different color. Commissioner Siebert asked if there was one similar to that available. Mr. Hilgers said the books from the contractor showed that style, and it was originally picked out as a replacement, but the supplier could not give an exact time of when the door would be available and he wanted to get the job done sooner than later.

Chairman Beveridge asked what was the reason for replacement. Mr. Hilgers stated that he had received a complaint from the restaurant tenant for the last couple of years that when there is a really strong wind, the old door would blow open.

Commissioner Hanson asked for clarification of the hinges on the door being on the right in the past, and now on the left side. Mr. Hilgers stated that yes that is correct with the door opening in, rather than out.

Commissioner Hanson pointed out that Mr. Hilgers owns the whole building, and had replaced the windows in the past in the upstairs, so he is surprised that the door was installed considering when he did the windows in the past, Mr. Hilgers would know that the Historic Preservation / Design Review Commission would have to review some of this stuff. Mr. Hilgers stated he could not recall if he had to come before the committee for the windows, due to the approval being quite a while ago. He was working with a contractor with the door, and that was not brought to his attention.

Chairman Beveridge asked if the old door was still available. Mr. Hilgers stated it is not.

Commissioner Seibert asked if it would be a problem to switch it out for a different style door. Mr. Hilgers stated that financially yes, that current door cost over \$1,000. He also asked the contractor if there was a way to salvage the original door, and he stated that there was not. Even with just switching out the door and leaving the trim would still be close to \$1,000.

Commissioner Hanson asked if Mr. Hilgers was planning to paint the door. Mr. Hilgers stated initially the thought was that the contractor would do it, but some time has passed. The plan is to wait until spring and repaint the door and trim.

Commissioner Hanson asked if there is steel on both sides with insulation in the middle. Mr. Hilgers stated yes, that is his assumption. When speaking with the contractor, the more glass there is to the door, the more expensive the door would be.

Commissioner Myers asked if the inspection department would issue a penalty for replacing the door without approval. Director Ostrowski stated that replacing a door would not require a building permit to be issued, so it comes back to this commission to be approved. If the door is not approved, then he would have to remove it and replace it with an approved door.

**Motion by Commissioner Siebert to switch the door out to a more appropriate style door that would be approved by staff, similar to the picture that was provided in the staff report; second by Commissioner Hanson.**

**Motion carried 5-1 with Commissioner Walther voting in the negative.**

Chairman Beveridge gave a time limit for compliance of 30 days.

3. Updating Chapter 22 (Historic Preservation / Design Review) of the Stevens Point Revised Municipal Code and the Design Guidelines for the Historic Preservation / Design Review Commission.

The Commission proceeded to go through the template for the design guidelines. The Commission reviewed and recommended changes to the appendices. Director Ostrowski will make the discussed changes and bring them back to the Commission for review.

4. Other business.

Director Ostrowski reminded the Commission about the historical survey presentation that will be taking place on January 11, 2012.

5. Adjourn.

**Motion by Chairperson Beveridge to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Hanson. Motion carried 6-0.**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.**