HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD MEETING NOTES – for July 22, 2019

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Connie Anderson
Joyce Dalton
Kathy Dennis
Dwayne Hurt

Gigi McCabe-Miele
Roger Potratz

VOTING MEMBERS ABS
Billy Greene
Braeden Gallas

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT:
Deb Parcell
Skylar York

CITY COUNSEL LIASON:
None

VISITORS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
There was a request to modify the minutes to show the number of houses in the historic District to be impacted by the South Shore modification to be 24. With that change a motion to approve made by Kathy Dennis and seconded by Dwayne Hurt. All concurred

CORRESPONDENCE:
None

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS:
418 East 8th Street - contributing
Replace roof and gutter to match existing. It was noted that the porch on the house is not original, but has been there for a long time.
Staff recommends approval.
Connie Anderson recommends Board approval, Roger Potratz seconded and all approved.
MAINTENANCE REVIEW:
   121 East 10th Street – emergency repairs approved by staff
   320 East 8th Street – flashing around chimney approved by staff

OLD BUSINESS:
   - A letter indicating the Board’s dissatisfaction with the City’s change to light ballast in the street light fixtures in the Historic District without notice or consent of the Historic Review Board was sent to the Mayor, City Council, Redevelopment and Planning Department. The change removed the traditional globe which had been selected to be in keeping with the historic look of the area and replaced it with an exposed LED bulb.

   Don Przybylinski put a discussion of this oversight – failing to contact the Historic Review Board - on the Council meeting agenda, but there were many other matters on the agenda so the letter was not read.

   Members of the Council had discussed the change with the Elston Grove Community at a regularly scheduled meeting and took the support of these few members as approval for the change. The Board was not consulted as required.

   It may be possible to restore the globes and retain the modern light source. This will be reviewed with Don Przybylinski.

   - A second matter concerned the City Council’s plan to inspect rental properties throughout the City including the Historic District. There is a concern that the costs of repairs may be prohibitive. The Board concluded the question of cost associate with safety inspections is a City issue and should not be a concern of the Board, nor should it suggest that standards would be reduced.

NEW BUSINESS:
   - A workshop with other Historic Reivew Boards including Laporte and, potentially, Elkhart, South Bend, Plymouth, Hammond and New Carlisle is planned for Sept 16th at 6:00. This is to be planned by Deb Parcel.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
   None

ADJOURNEMENT:
   Motion to adjourn made by Roger Potratz and seconded by Kathy Dennis. All concurred