



Minutes
City of Edina, Minnesota
Heritage Preservation Commission
VIRTUAL MEETING
Tuesday, October 13, 2020

I. Call to Order

Chair Schilling called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Answering roll call were members Lonquist, Pollock, Birdman, Widmoyer, Nymo, Hassenstab, Chair Schilling, and student members Lee and Maheshwari. Emily Bodeker, staff liaison, and preservation consultant, Robert Vogel were also in attendance.

III. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion made by Hassenstab seconded by Pollock to approve the meeting agenda as presented. All voted aye. The motion carried.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Nymo seconded by Hassenstab to approve the meeting minutes from the virtual September 8, 2020 meeting. All voted aye. The motion carried.

V. Reports/Recommendations

A. COA: 4510 Sunnyside Road

Staff Liaison Bodeker presented the COA request for 4510 Sunnyside Road. The proposed request included changes to the street facing façade which include changes to an existing dormer and a small front entry addition. The applicant, Maggie Tarr, Margaret Jane Design Group, was also on the call to answer any questions.

Motion by Birdman seconded by Hassenstab to approve the COA request at 4510 Sunnyside Road with the following conditions:

- ***Any changes to the proposed plans would require review from the Heritage Preservation Commission.***

All voted aye. The motion carried.

B. COA: 4634 Edgebrook Place

Staff Liaison Bodeker introduced the Certificate of Appropriateness request for a new home at 4634 Edgebrook Place. TJ Madecki, from Murphy Design Co. and Nate Wissink from Streeter homes were present on the webex to answer questions on the requested COA.

Bodeker explained that obtaining a COA for new homes in the Country Club District is a two-step process. The plans presented fulfill the first step. Staff recommended that the HPC provide the applicant feedback on the proposed plans and identify any desired changes.

Overall, the commission asked the applicant to review the size of the large picture window on the first floor, review the massing and materials of the overhang and large bracket on the right side of the front elevation, and to review the scale and size of the railing and overhang creating the front porch and upper decorative “deck”. The Commission had concerns about that portion of the home creating a precedent for future projects. The property owner, Chris Pohlada, addressed the Commission.

Commissioner Everson was added into the meeting at 7:45 pm.

C. COA: 4600 Browndale Avenue-Request to determine that the house at 4600 Browndale Avenue no longer contributes to the historical significance of the Country Club District and is eligible to be torn down

Staff Liaison Bodeker introduced the applicants request to determine that the house at 4600 Browndale Avenue no longer contributes to the historical significance of the Country Club District.

Staff walked through the primary issues of the request, summarized consultant Vogel’s comments, and informed the commission that the Building Official reviewed the application and visited the subject property. Ryan Fish, Peterssen/Keller Architecture presented the applicants evidence and reasoning as to why they believe the house at 4600 Browndale Ave no longer contributes to the Country Club District. Nico and Kris Wyrobek, the property owners, were also on the call to answer questions.

Motion by Lonquist seconded by Nymo to deny the applicant’s request, and finding that demolishing the existing structure would not be appropriate and that 4600 Browndale Avenue is a contributing preservation resource in the Country Club District based on the following findings:

- ***Edina’s Preservation consultant finds that issuance of a COA for demolition of the home would not be appropriate.***
- ***The house dates from the district’s period of historical significance.***
- ***The property shows the influence of the developer’s master plan.***
- ***The property is identifiable as a specimen of period revival style architecture.***
- ***The property retains historic integrity of the most important architectural character defining design features associated with the Tudor Revival style.***

Commissioners Lonnquist, Pollock, Birdman, Widmoyer, Nymo, Hassenstab and Chair Schilling voted aye. Commissioner Everson recused himself from the vote. The motion carried.

VI. Correspondence and Petitions

A. Correspondence-Atwood Station

Commissioner Birdman motioned to request staff write a letter to the author of the correspondence, Ted, and ask Consultant Vogel to provide a report with additional information on the findings of the building. Seconded by Pollock. All voted aye. The motion carried.

VII. Special Recognitions and Presentations

A. Preservation Planning

Motion by Birdman seconded by Pollock to continue the Preservation Planning presentation and discussion to the November Heritage Preservation Commission meeting. All voted aye. The motion carried.

VIII. Chair and Member Comments:

A. 2020 Work Plan

Commissioner Lonnquist explained that Commissioners Pollock, Hassenstab and herself have started meeting and want to encourage any student members who are interested in joining them to let her or staff know.

IX. Staff Comments: None

X. Adjournment

Motion by Birdman seconded by Hassenstab to adjourn the Heritage Preservation Commission meeting at 9:38 p.m. All voted aye. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Bodeker