



Meeting Minutes for November 9, 2021

The Burlington Historic Preservation Commission met virtually via ZOOM on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 7:00 PM. All staff and applicants presenting at this meeting were sworn to tell the truth to the best of their ability. The meeting may be viewed online via YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/Xqdw8xilkAM>.

Members Present:

James Euliss, Chair
Brian Pennington, Vice Chair
Russ Vandermass-Peeler
Josh Adkins
Wendy Geiss
Lori Bryan

Members Absent:

Kristina Meinking

Guests:

Heather Slane, hmwpreservation

Staff Present:

Jamie Lawson, Principal Planner

I. Call Meeting to Order

Mr. Euliss, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Mr. Pennington, Vice Chair, made a motion to excuse the absence of Ms. Kristina Meinking.

Mr. Adkins, Member, seconded the motion.

Approved unanimously.

II. Approval of Previous Minutes

Review of the Meeting Minutes for October 12, 2021.

Ms. Bryan, Member moved the motion to approve minutes.

Mr. Vandermass-Peeler, Member seconded the motion.

Approved unanimously with Mr. Pennington and Ms. Geiss, Member abstaining.

III. Applications for Major Certificates of Appropriateness

- a. **ITEM 1:** HD-21-49: A request by F. Jordan Dahlgren Jost for gutters and downspouts where the color does not match the house trim color at 722 West Davis Street, PID 126116. The

property is located in the Medium Density Residential (MDR) and in the Local Historic Overlay (LHO) Zone District. The property is located in the Medium Density Residential (MDR) and within the Local Historic Overlay (LHO) Zone District.

Chair Euliss confirmed there were no conflicts of interest with this item.

Ms. Lawson, Principal Planner, provided a staff report of this item to the Commission and stated that staff recommends approval of the request.

Ms. Jost, Applicant, was sworn to tell the truth to the best of her ability.

Ms. Jost described the reasoning behind why she chose to paint the trim and gutters. In her opinion, the color emphasized the profile to the house, and compliments the other homes in the area. She researched other properties in the area, as well as out of state. She chose to add this detail versus painting the house. As part of the improvements, she was able to eliminate two downspouts and splash guards, and the black gutters and downspouts also complement the existing stair rails which are black.

Ms. Lawson indicated that staff received four letters of support on this item.

Ms. Lawson confirmed that no one present in the audience desired to speak on this item.

Mr. Euliss read the Findings of Fact into the record:

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- C5-10. Built in gutters that are important to the architecture of the structure should be repaired rather than removed when they become deteriorated.
- C5-11. Gutters and downspouts should not conceal or interfere with architectural trim.
- C12-2. The placement of color should provide contrast between different materials, such as shingles and siding, and architectural elements, such as trim and soffits, if contrasting colors are appropriate to the style of the structure.

Mr. Pennington moved the motion to approve the Findings of Fact.

Mr. Vandermass-Peeler seconded the motion.

Approved unanimously.

Ms. Geiss moved the motion to approve the Application.

Mr. Pennington seconded the motion.

Approved unanimously.

IV. New Business

Mr. Euliss confirmed that there was no new business.

V. Other Business

a. Architectural Survey Update

Ms. Slane, hmwPreservation, presented on the Architectural Survey Update. Ms. Slane described the prior survey work in the City, the purpose of this update, and summarized the recommendations from their findings, which include boundary adjustments to the West Davis Street-Fountain Place National Historic District, a Central Heights National Register District, and National Register designation for the Walter M. Williams High School.

The commission asked what would be the effect of listing the High School property. Ms. Slane described that if listed, there would be no added regulations, the school would not receive any tax relief, and that listing would solely be an honorary mention.

One member of the public was in attendance, but had no questions.

b. Minor Certificates of Appropriateness update

Ms. Lawson updated the Commission on administrative reviews.

c. Certified Local Government Training update

Ms. Lawson updated the Commission on Certified Local Government training opportunities as forwarded by the State Historic Preservation Office.

Ms. Lawson updated the Commission on the Design Standard update.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Adkins moved the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Bryan seconded the motion.

Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

END OF MEETING