

**LIBERTY HISTORIC DISTRICT REVIEW COMMISSION
Regular Session Summary**

**September 2, 2014
5:30 p.m.**

I. Call to Order

Chairman Grundy called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

John Carr, Debbie Davis, Vern Drottz, Mike Gilmore, Matt Grundy, Dail Hobbs, Clay Lozier, Kelley Wrenn Pozel, and Doug Wilson answered roll call. Jonna Wensel represented staff.

III. Approval of Regular Session Meeting Summary: August 19, 2014

Mr. Lozier made a motion to approve the meeting summary as presented, and Mr. Carr seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

IV. HDRC Case 14-0005J: Consideration of a request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior improvements at 538 E. Mill Street, Jewell Historic District

Ms. Wensel said this house, built around 1908, retains some interesting architectural details. The wide eaves of the hipped roof are supported by paired decorative brackets. A gabled roof dormer contains an arched window with decorative entablature. Windows on the second story are one-over-one, double-hung sashes with decorative lintels. The transomed entry door is centered on the front porch. There is a one story addition on the southwest corner of the house and a one story addition with a shed roof, located on the second floor of the northeast corner. The front porch posts and railing appear to be more recent and do not have the same decorative quality of the other architectural elements on this house.

The applicant proposes to make the following improvements:

1. Remove and replace the roof, including the decking, soffit, and fascia
2. Replace the gutters and downspouts
3. Repair, or replace as needed, the decorative brackets
4. Remove false siding and repair or replace original siding in-kind as needed
5. Repair or replace aluminum storm windows, as needed
6. Repair or replace storm doors with full view storm doors
7. Paint & caulk exterior

Ms. Wensel said removal of false siding and restoration of the original wood siding is appropriate and encouraged. Repair or in-kind replacement of the decorative brackets is encouraged. The roofline will not be altered. Replacement of the roofing material is appropriate.

Applications for a certificate of appropriateness for exterior alterations made as a result of financial incentives provided by the city must be reviewed by the HDRC and forwarded to the City Council with a recommendation. This case will be presented to City Council on September 8. The application meets the standards for review and the design guidelines; therefore staff recommends approval of HDRC case #14-005J.

Mr. Drottz asked the applicant, Ms. Irvin, if she would be using architectural shingles on the roof. She said she would.

Mr. Wilson asked if there was currently asbestos siding over the old wood lap siding. Ms. Irvin said that was correct.

Mr. Grundy said he was happy to see the improvements, and Ms. Pozel thanked Ms. Irvin for improving the neighborhood. Mr. Lozier said this looks like a great project.

Mr. Gilmore made a motion to approve the application because it meets the design guidelines. Mr. Lozier seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously, 9-0.

V. Other Business

Ms. Wensel said there had been two administrative approvals since the last meeting.

Mr. Carr reminded the HDRC about the state preservation conference in Excelsior Springs, October 6-8.

Ms. Wensel said Mr. Bryan Boyd has submitted his selection for his back door and brought a sample of the engineered stone he wants to use for his new retaining wall. She asked the HDRC members to review these items to complete HDRC Case #14-001L. Mr. Lozier made a motion to approve the materials. Mr. Hobbs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously, 9-0.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Grundy adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.