City of Blue Springs
903 W. Main
Blue Springs, Missouri 64015

Historic Preservation Commission
MINUTES
Friday May 24, 2024

A meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Blue Springs was held in the City Hall Development Conf. Room 128 located at 903 W. Main Street on Friday May 24, 2024, with the following members, guests, and staff in attendance:

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT	Amy Coale Chris Birkenmaier Nicole Watkins Pam Albarelli, Vice Chairperson Kay Burrus Ryan Crider
STAFF / OTHERS	Cara Elbert, Assistant Director, Com. Dev./Recording Secretary Shantele Frie, Associate Planner Dave McCumber, Development Review Manager
MEMBERS ABSENT	Councilmember Jerry Kaylor
CALL TO ORDER	Pam Albarelli, Vice Chair opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m.
ROLL CALL	Dave McCumber, Development Review Manager, took roll call, and a quorum was present.
AGENDA ITEM 1-A May 23, 2023- Meeting Minutes	Vice Chair Albarelli asked for a motion on the meeting minutes. Motion was made by Commissioner Burrus to approve the meeting minutes and seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 2A / HPC-05-24-9143 / 1508 W Main St / Fencing	Vice Chair Albarelli opened up by describing the house and asking about the height of the fence and if the fence new fence will completely replace the chain-link fence around the yard. The applicant stated that they would like to eventually replace the whole fence, but they had only replaced the wooden fencing that was dilapidated. He also stated that the new fence is a little under 6 foot. Vice Chair Albarelli asked if the applicant would need to return to replace the chain-link fence. Mr. Mallon stated that the current permit is only for the smaller fence and that he would have to get a separate permit for the replacement of the chain-link fence. Commissioner Burrus asked if the applicant was wanting to eventually put a 6 foot fence around the entire property. The applicant stated they would like to eventually. Mr. Mallon reminded Commissioner Burrus that the permit under discussion was only for the smaller portion of fencing. Commissioner Burrus stated that she would prefer a 4 foot fence because 6 foot fences were not around when the house was originally built. The applicant asked why since most of his neighbors have 6 foot fencing. Mr. Mallon stated that nothing in the code prevents a 6 foot fence, but the commission recommendation is based on if it would be in keeping with the historic character of the area. The applicant stated that they put the 6 foot fence up because the Historic Society has ghost hunts in the building next door and they wanted to prevent their car lights from shining in the building. Vice Chair Albarelli stated she drove around the area and only saw around 8 houses with 6 foot fences. She suggested that they could change the code in the future so that only shorter fences would be allowed. Commissioner Birkenmaier stated that the fence looks better than what used to be there. Vice Chair Albarelli asked for a motion for the fence.
MOTION	Commissioner Birkenmaier made the motion to approve the fence.
SECOND	The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cole.

Amy Coale-Aye
Nicole Watkins-Aye
Chris Birkenmaier-Aye
Pam Albarelli-Aye

OTHER BUSINESS

Vice Chair Albarelli stated she was putting together information for saving trees in the historic district to work on some kind of code to prevent heritage trees from being cut down.

Commissioner Birkenmaier asked if they were doing the Historic Preservation Conference.

Mr. Mallon stated it will be in Eminence this year at Echo Bluff State Park. He stated he will have Cara Elbert contact the commission with the information.

MEETING ADJOURN

With no further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Burrus to adjourn at 3:22 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Birkenmaier.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Traci Breshears, Recording Secretary

Pam Albarelli, Chairperson — Date 8/21/24