

MINUTES
GALESBURG LANDMARK COMMISSION
ERICKSON CONFERENCE ROOM OF GALESBURG CITY HALL
55 W TOMPKINS ST, GALESBURG, IL
TUESDAY OCTOBER 3, 2023 AT 5:42 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Miener, Deb Sugai, and Greta Woolsey, 3.
MEMBERS ABSENT: Suzanne Klohn, Mark Martin, 2.
OTHERS PRESENT: None.

Staff declared a quorum was present.

Approve Minutes of September 6, 2023

Member Woolsey made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Sugai.

Minutes were approved by voice vote.

Discuss Citizen Comment

None.

LC-23-1001 Consider Certificate of Appropriateness – 546 N Chambers St

The applicant, Hannah Lyon was present.

Members considered a request to install solar on the roof and the Chambers Street Design Guidelines and city ordinance. Members asked whether a ground installation was considered, if a contractor had been selected yet and if that contractor could attend a Commission meeting to discuss the project, how the panels would be mounted on the roof, how visible would they be from a public way, how high the panels would sit off the roof.

Debbie and Landon Hoyt, 591 N Chambers St were also present and stated they were in attendance due to interest in solar panels. They had mentioned they also had done some research about solar installations and how they can see a recent ground installation that was done at a property at 501 E Losey St. They mentioned it may be more expensive down the road to re-roof with solar panels in place since the solar panels would need to be removed and then reinstalled.

The applicant stated multiple companies have been contacted, but no decision yet on who would be used. An aerial showing a potential solar panel layout was provided and shows 10 panels to be located on the south side of the roof. It was mentioned this aerial was from one company, but most companies had similar suggestions that varied on number of panels. The owner stated they had not fully

considered ground mounted panels because they felt the cost would be more than double compared to roof mounted. It was mentioned the panels will likely be close to the existing roof and therefore follow the same roof pitch. The north side of the roof is too shaded for solar panels.

Commission members felt there was not enough information, and the fact that a contractor was not yet selected, to come to an educated decision on the overall effect of historic fabric of the proposed installation. It was suggested this item be tabled to give the applicant more time to gather information. The owner stated they may just construct a deck instead and wait until later to do a solar installation but may miss out on some current tax incentives. The applicant was encouraged to discuss further with the solar companies and bring more information and a contractor to the next meeting along with examples of the product and what the appearance would be if installed on the roof.

Member Woolsey moved to table the item to the November 7th meeting, seconded by member Sugai.

Roll Call #1

Ayes: Miener, Sugai, Woolsey, 3.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Chairperson declared the motion approved.

There being no further business, Member Sugai made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Woolsey, approved by voice vote the meeting adjourned at 6:24 P.M.



Steve Gugliotta, AICP