

The Madison Historic District Board of Review meeting scheduled for the month of February was held Monday, February 26, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Building. Frank Gunter, Chairman, presided over the meeting with the following board members present: Richard Cart, Robert Snodgrass, Darrell Steinert, Alaine Patton & Dana Riddle. Kim Washer was absent. Also present were: Dan Hobbs, Attorney; Dan Carter, Building Inspector; and Marlene Joslin, Secretary. **At this time Frank Gunter made welcome our new board member, Dana Riddle, Welcome Aboard Dana.** There were no additions or corrections to the previous month's minutes as distributed so they stand approved as recorded and distributed.

1. **John Morgan - C. of A. to remove front porch, install new front doors similar to original. Enclose portion of rear porch with details similar to existing for a Breakfast Room at 403 W. 1st Street. Zoned Low Density Residential (R-4)**

Rod Sidley, Architect, was present to speak for the Morgan application showing a picture of the house that they believe was taken around 1894, picture shows there was no front porch. We are also looking forward to restoring the doors similar to the doors in the picture, keeping with the original look. I just brought the picture to show you where we got the idea. There were no questions or comments from the board or the audience so Frank Gunter ask for roll call - All Approval votes - Application granted as applied for.

2. **Key Construction - C. of A. to replace existing windows with insulated vinyl (dbl.pane) look alike windows (same appearance) at 214 Mulberry Street. Zoned Central Business (CBD)**

Paul Key, Key Construction, was present to speak for his application and answer any questions the board might have. Reason for replacing the windows is that the old ones are rotted out. There were no questions or comments from the board or the audience. Roll call - All Approval votes to approve application as applied for.

3. **James McDonough - C. of A. to remove asphalt shingles, replace with vinyl siding, replace windows, doors, remove chimneys. New materials will be used to simulate original materials at 1123 W. Main Street. Zoned Med. Den. Residential (R-8)**

James McDonough, property owner, was present to answer any questions the board might have. Dana Riddle said she drove by the place and in looking at it just wanted to question the reason for removing the chimneys. Mr. McDonough said did you look at them? They are about to fall off. Dana said looking at them, they just didn't look like they were in a state of disrepair. Mr. McDonough said one of them is pushing the wall out because of the weight, they are crumbling. F. Gunter said then you are not willing to repair the brick. McDonough said he preferred not to. Roll call - Disapprove - F. Gunter & D. Riddle, Approve - D. Steinert, Bob Snodgrass, Richard Cart & Alaine Patton. Application approved by a (4) to (2) vote.

4. **James & Lynda Vogler/Debbie Lamson - C. of A. to install new vinyl windows, gutters, downspouts, doors. New Vinyl siding at 918 Walnut. Address of both properties is 918-920 N. Walnut Street. Zoned Historic District (HDR)**

James Vogler and Debbie Lamson, applicants, were both present to speak for their application. There were no questions from the audience or the board. Roll call - All Approval votes to grant application as applied for.

5. **Phyllis Steinhardt/Donna Guarino - C. of A. to add 8' x 9' addition to kitchen in rear of house, general repair on structure at 627 W. Main Street. Zoned Specialty District (SD)**

Phyllis Steinhardt & Donna Guarino, applicants, were present to speak for their application. There were no questions from the audience or the board. Roll call - All Approval votes to grant application as applied for.

6. **Dan Stanley - C. of A. to build a new porch & garage on the back (east) portion of the property located at 212 St. Michaels Avenue. Zoned Historic District (HDR)**

Dan Stanley, applicant, was present to speak for his application. There were no questions from the audience or the board. Roll call - All Approval votes to grant application as applied for.

7. **Charles Humphrey - C. of A. to put vinyl siding on & replace windows with as close to original as possible at 1034 W. 2nd Street. Zoned Med. Den. Residential (R-8)**

Charles Humphrey, applicant, was present to speak for his application. Mr. Humphrey said this house is across from Lichlyters. Explains the reason for replacing the windows and also mentions the steps, when you open the door you have to back down about two steps to get the door open to go inside so would like to put a deck-like on with steps so you could open the door and enter from a solid landing. F. Gunter said Mr. Humphrey would have to submit a separate application, would not be wise for the board to vote on this without first seeing the plans, can't amend his application without a drawing. Mr. Humphrey agreed to return when ready to change the steps. No further questions or comments - Roll call - All Approval votes to grant application as applied for.

8. **First Baptist Church - C. of A. to change flat roof on rear of sanctuary to gabled roof to match the rest of the structure at 416 Vine Street. Zoned Historic District (HDR)**

Betty Brunton, member of the Church, was present to answer any questions the board might have. There were no questions or comments concerning the application. Roll call - All Approval votes to grant application as applied for.

Tabled Applications from previous meeting:

1. Kathy Williams - Change lettering in existing signage at 116 W. Main St. (CBD)  
Kathy Williams application will be tabled until the June, 1996 meeting.
2. City of Madison - Linkage between the Riverfront and Main Street. (Mixed Zoning)  
Betsey Vonderheide, Special Projects, was present to pass out information and explain a few changes that might be made in the ISTEPA Project. A picture of the light fixtures was shown to the board, they will be similar to those used in the 1800's. The acorn lights will be used in high traffic areas since they are brighter, the gas light style will be used in other places such as on Broadway. This application was tabled at the last meeting because proper notification had not been given to persons that would be involved or affected by the changes which would take place. The City held a public hearing for any and everyone concerned to attend. Andy Discoll, audience member, ask if the public hearing would substitute the mailing of certified letters. F. Gunter said it was the opinion of the City Attorney & the Board Attorney that the special meeting could serve as the proper way to inform the persons affected about the project. B. Vonderheide said she has talked to most persons, taking plans around to show property owners and most everyone was in favor of the project. Changes in the project include the lighting style on Broadway and keeping most of the existing trees on Main Street. No further discussion on the subject. Roll call - All Approval votes to grant the ISTEPA Project as presented to the Board.
3. Glen Graham - Signage on front of building at 208 E. Main Street. (CBD)  
Kim Franklin, Main Street Program, was present and said Mr. Graham had not purchased the building at this time but that she would continue to work with him in the future so requested the application be tabled at this time.
4. David & Bev Thornton - Window replacement at 928 Walnut Street. (R-8) Discussion -  
Bev Thornton was present and came forward showing the pictures that she had taken of the windows before and after. She said she did reply to the secretary's letter that the windows had already been put in but that she was unable to attend the meeting due to her grandchild being ill, also misunderstood when the meeting would be. The only request by the board was that she install mutton bars in the windows so they will look as near original as possible. A. Patton requested the mutton bars. Mrs. Thornton said that would be no problem on the front window. Roll call - All Approval votes - Application granted.

A sheet was passed out to the board members showing C. of A.'s granted by the Bldg. Insp.

1. Bob Wolfschlag - for a 3 x 5 sign at 212 E. 2nd Street, projects from 8" x 8" pole.
2. Charles Binzer - for wooden sign 4' x 3', hang from existing pole at 301 W. Main St.
3. Roustabouts - to paint over existing sign with new business name at 126 E. Main St.
4. Charles Facemire - to change lettering on sign, repaint (GREEN RIVER) at 111 E. Main.
5. Madison Community Church - to hang a sign 32" x 16' at 307 West Street.

#### **New Business:**

##### **Hayes Hendricks presentation on a Circuit Rider as an advisor to the Board.**

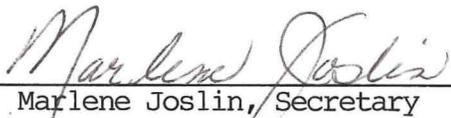
Hayes Hendricks, Historic Landmarks, was present to let the board know just what the Circuit Rider's duties would be. They would conduct training and workshops for the board. Prepare certified local government applications, also assist with applications for state and federal grants. Prepare materials and recommendations for the board on every C. of A. application. Create work plans to help with preservation, promote preservation in the community along with technical assistance, counsel property owners on preservation. Board members were concerned with how the circuit rider would analyze each property and how - - the decisions would be made concerning each application. The Circuit Rider would go by Madison's Ordinance and then make a recommendation to the board on the things necessary to make the proper decision. Hendricks said the person would only be an advisory person to the board. Dan Hobbs, Board Attorney, spoke against the Circuit Rider stating that people have lived here all their lives and the architecture has been here because people have taken care of it, even without the Historic Ordinance. Local people are already concerned with out-of-towners coming in and telling them what they can and can't do. Dan Carter, Bldg. Insp., spoke in favor of the Circuit Rider, thinks recommendations could help with making the right decisions. One thing that some of the board members didn't like was that they would be required to attend an educational program which would mean they would probably have to take off work to do this. D. Steinert said he did not like the idea of having to go through mandatory training, a couple of the other board members agreed with Steinert. R. Cart said if we hire a Circuit Rider then why do we need a board? Hendricks said a Circuit Rider could make the applications fly through. B. Snodgrass ask about the cost, it is \$2000.00 the first year, what about the 2nd year? Hendricks said it could be expected to go up the next year. B. Snodgrass said "we already have a staff of persons". D. Steinert said this will only make it harder for the board to be its own person, going to have a staff comment on every application. Dan Hobbs questioned who was certified to be a Circuit Rider. Hendricks said she has numerous applications of qualified persons. A. Patton ask what else the Rider could do for the community? Dan Carter said he thought they could help on every issue that would come before the board. K. Franklin asked Hayes to go over just what the Circuit Rider would and could do for the community. Hayes went over the benefits for the community. Mayor Al Huntington was present and stated he was in favor of the Circuit Rider, however, the City Council will probably go along with whatever the board decides and recommends. I don't want board members to think they are not doing a good job because I think you are all doing a good job. There have been members in the past

that did not take the job as serious. Would like to make your job easier as a board. Suzanne Skaggs, Audience member, was in favor of the Circuit Rider. There were people in the audience that were for and against the Circuit Rider. After lengthy discussion, Frank Gunter, Chairman, called for a Roll Call vote. Roll call - Alaine Patton, Frank Gunter & Dana Riddle - **Approved**, Darrell Steinert, Bob Snodgrass & Richard Cart - **Dis-approved**. **The vote was a tie (3) for, (3) against hiring the Circuit Rider. Since it was a split vote, will be taken back to the City Council.**

At this time Richard Cart read a letter of resignation stating his reasons. The letter was to the Mayor. Richard had served on the board for five years, had been very active. Richard said he does have concerns about which direction this board is taking and what effect it will have on the Historic District residents.

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

BY ORDER OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT BOARD OF REVIEW

  
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Marlene Joslin, Secretary