A regularly scheduled Historic Preservation Commission Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 28 2016, at 8:30 a.m., City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, Room 400, with Chairperson Robert Powers presiding.

ROLL CALL
The following Historic Preservation Commission Commissioners were present: Deborah Dougherty, Timothy Herold, Michael Maloof, Lesley Matuszak, Thomas Wester, and Chairperson Robert Powers – 6. Absent: Geoff Smith – 1.

Staff Present: Kimberly Smith, Shannon Techie, Madeline Wolf

MINUTES
Commissioner Herold moved to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on August 24, 2016; seconded by Commissioner Maloof.

The motion was approved viva voce vote 6 to 0.

SWEARING IN OF SPEAKERS
Speakers were sworn in by Staff Member Madeline Wolf.

REGULAR BUSINESS
CASE NO. HPC 16-21
Public Hearing on the request of Allan Lurie to obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness to install a five-foot tall fence, for the property located at 605 and 607 E Armstrong Ave (PIN 18-04-280-007 & 008), Peoria IL (Council District 2).

Senior Urban Planner, Shannon Techie, Community Development Department, read Case No. HPC 16-21 into the record and presented the case.

In response to Chairperson Powers’ inquiry, Ms. Techie confirmed the proposed height of fence was 5’. Ms. Techie noted the Certificate of Appropriateness issued to the adjacent property for a 5’ black coated chain link fence.

Chairperson Powers opened the Public Hearing at 8:37 a.m.

Allan Lurie, petitioner, said he has resided at 605 E Armstrong since the mid 1950’s. Mr. Lurie purchased the vacant lot adjacent to his property and requested approval to install a fence to increase safety and to reduce the number of trespassers. Mr. Lurie requested additional outside lights.

Commissioner Herold questioned the proposed material and color of the fence.

Allan Lurie said he proposed galvanized chain link but was not opposed to black vinyl coated chain link.

Celeste Restrepo, Allen Lurie’s daughter, requested the timeline for the approval of the request.

With no further interest from the public to provide public testimony, Chairperson Powers closed the Public Hearing at 8:42 a.m.

Discussion:
Commissioner Herold supported the black coated chain link fence and noted he typically does not support chain link fences. Herold expressed his appreciation for the longevity of the petitioner residing in the home.

Commissioner Matuszak questioned the cost difference between the black vinyl coated chain link and the galvanized chain link fence. Matuszak expressed concern with the aesthetics and preferred cohesion with the adjacent fence.

Motion:
Commissioner Matuszak made a motion to reopen the Public Hearing; seconded by Commissioner Dougherty.
The motion was approved viva voce vote 6 to 0.

Chairperson Powers opened the Public Hearing at 8:45 a.m.

Allen Lurie said the cost difference was estimated to be $200 - $300.

Celeste Restrepo said the petitioner was agreeable to either option. Ms. Restrepo noted the neighbor’s fence was black vinyl coated and Mr. Lurie’s property had galvanized chain link in the rear yard. Ms. Restrepo noted the attorney fees incurred when purchasing 607 E Armstrong Avenue.

With no further interest from the public to provide testimony, Chairperson Powers closed the Public Hearing at 8:46 a.m.

Commissioner Herold said the black coated vinyl fence would be more aesthetically pleasing without significantly increasing the cost.

Commissioner Wester supported both options. Wester agreed with Commissioner Herold about the aesthetics.

Chairperson Powers thanked the petitioner for his continued reinvestment in the property and neighborhood. Powers expressed concern with the aesthetics and value of chain link fences in historic districts. Powers noted the approval for the chain link fence at the adjacent property. Powers addressed the outside lighting request and encouraged staff to follow up with the petitioner.

Ms. Techie said additional lighting was not included in the proposal and if new lighting is installed, approval will be required. Ms. Techie said she would follow up with the homeowner to verify the request.

Motion:
Commissioner Herold moved to approve the black coated vinyl fence with a minimum 20’ setback from the sidewalk.

With no second to the motion being heard, the motion died.

Discussion:
Commissioner Matuszak supported the petitioner’s request as presented.

Commissioner Herold preferred the proposed fence to coordinate with the fence adjacent to the subject property.

In response to Commissioner Herold’s inquiry, Ms. Techie verified the home, driveway and garage on 607 E Armstrong were demolished.

Motion:
Commissioner Matuszak made a motion to approve the petitioner’s request for a black coated vinyl fence; seconded by Commissioner Maloof.

Commissioner Herold was not opposed to the motion. Herold requested confirmation the proposed fence was not in the front yard and requested a current aerial view of the subject property. Herold supported the motion.

Ms. Techie confirmed the proposed fence was 8 feet from the property line.

The motion was approved by roll call vote.

CITIZENS’ OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
There were no citizens who wished to address the Historic Preservation Commission at 9:06a.m.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION FOR THE MARQUETTE APARTMENTS
Senior Urban Planner, Kimberly Smith, Community Development Department, distributed the local and national historic designation registration to the commission.

Commissioner Herold stated he was not opposed to the designation. Herold questioned the Commission's role with the process.

Ms. Smith referred to the Ordinance, Chapter 16, Powers and Duties, and said the Commission may comment on national historic registration nominations.

Commissioner Matuszak noted her concerns for lack of council input on the historic designation for the Marquette Apartments. Matuszak was concerned with the tax credits involved and the longevity of the ownership of the building.

Commissioner Herold stated he supported the designation and recommended the applicant apply for local status.

Chairperson Powers expressed concern that the application failed to meet criteria for historic designation.

Motion: Commissioner Herold made a motion to support the national historic designation and include a request for local historic landmark status; seconded, by Wester.

Discussion
Commissioner Herold noted the building was unique and beautiful. Herold expressed his appreciation for the reinvestment of the multi-family apartment building.

Chairperson Powers echoed Commissioner Herold’s comments. Powers preferred more material in the application to determine the appropriateness for the historic designation.

The motion was approved by roll call vote.

DISCUSSION ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL
The 2016 Historic Preservation Work Plan included an educational component related to local historic preservation. Ms. Techie reported a draft will be presented to the commission at a future meeting; at that time, Ms. Techie will look to the Commission for revisions.

ADJOURNMENT
Commissioner Herold moved to adjourn the Historic Preservation Commission Meeting; seconded by Commissioner Matuszak.

The motion was approved viva voce vote 6 to 0.
The Historic Preservation Commission Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:19 a.m.

Kimberly Smith
Kimberly Smith, Senior Urban Planner

Shannon Techie
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Madeline Wolf
Madeline Wolf, Development Technician