

**LOWELL HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 6TH, 2015
6:00 PM**

Chairman Floyd called the meeting to order at 6:03PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Recording Secretary Dianna Cade took roll call. Members answering the roll call were Ken Floyd, Connie Schrombeck, Clifford Tetrault and Susan Riley. Don DeFrance was absent. Also present were Building Official Tom Trulley and one citizen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Riley made a motion to approve the May 5th, 2015 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Mrs. Schrombeck and carried by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

**PETITIONER: #2015-021 409 E. Commercial Ave., Lowell, IN
Bertha Goodrich**

REQUEST: CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

PURPOSE: Replace Windows and surrounding trim on second floor of the building.

Mr. David Clark, approached the podium, he stated he is here tonight representing the owner, Bertha Goodrich. Mr. Clark stated that Bertha is doing a lot of work and trying to get the building looking nice. Mr Clark stated they did some tuck pointing at the building and she has already purchased the windows and would like to replace the current ones that are there. Mr. Floyd stated that he noticed that they had replaced the lintels and asked if it was done on all three (3) windows. Mr. Clark stated yes. Mr. Floyd asked if they put a new limestone seal on the middle window. Mr. Clark stated yes. Mr. Floyd asked if they are removing the windows. Mr. Clark stated no they are replacing in kind. Mr. Floyd asked if they are leaving the trimmed out block there. Mr. Clark stated yes, with the vinyl they are taking out the old and replacing with the new, it will be just like it was. Mr. Floyd stated that the windows will not fill the hole. Mr. Clark stated no it will be just like it was. Mr. Floyd asked what the purpose of replacing the window was. Mr. Clark stated they were drafty and new windows are more efficient. Ms. Riley asked if they are vinyl. Mr. Clark stated yes. Mrs. Schrombeck asked if they are going to be uniform. Mr. Clark stated they are going to look just like the windows that are there. Discussion followed.

Ms. Riley stated there are two things that do not fit, the size of the window, which she realizes is what is there now, but they really are not appropriate, and the material being used. Mr. Clark stated that there was a fire in the building in the 1990's, and the upper floor had to be rebuilt. Mr. Clark stated that the old ceilings were twelve (12) foot tall, the new ceilings are much lower ceilings. Discussion followed.

Mr. Clark asked if it is the facade around the window that they are concerned about. Ms. Riley stated yes. Mr. Floyd stated it is also the size. Discussion followed.

Mr. Tetrault asked for clarification on how many windows were going to be replaced. Discussion followed.

Mr. Clark stated that they have already purchased the windows, can they trim around them and make them acceptable? Discussion followed.

Mr. Clark asked if he could make a phone call and stepped out of the room. Mr. Clark stated that they have eliminated the center fixed window and put in two (2) double hung windows and they are the same size as the existing windows. Discussion followed on the windows going all the way to the sill and possible options.

Mr. Floyd stated that we are bound by the guidelines, it has nothing to do with our personal opinions. Discussion followed.

Mr. Clark stated that they thought that they had went through the proper channels, they were told they did not need a permit. Discussion followed.

Discussion followed on the facade program.

Mr. Clark stated that he would like to come up with a solution to use the windows that they purchased. Discussion followed.

Ms. Riley made a motion to deny the Findings of Fact, because they do not meet the guidelines, seconded by Mrs. Schrombeck and carried with all ayes.

Application for COA is denied, because the Findings of Facts were not approved.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further questions or comments, Ms. Riley made a motion to adjourn at 6:55PM, seconded by Mrs. Schrombeck and carried by voice vote.

Ken Floyd, Chariman

Clifford Tetrault, Vice -Chairman