

## Urbana Historic Preservation Commission Staff Report

October 6, 2021

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### A. Public Input and Items of Interest:

- 202 North Broadway Avenue, U.S. Post Office/UCIMC Accessibility Ramp - UPDATE: Marcus received comments from Anna Margaret Burris (SHPO) stating their approval of the proposed accessibility ramp.
- Dr. Ellis Subdivision Historic or Neighborhood Conservation District: On June 24, staff notified the interest group of the differences between Historic Districts and Neighborhood Conservation Districts; there has been no response yet. NO UPDATE.
- Programmatic Agreement with Illinois State Historic Preservation Office - UPDATE: Illinois SHPO signed the agreement on September 1 and Mayor Diane Wolfe Marlin signed it on September 20. This is a five-year agreement that will be in effect from October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2026. As discussed at the September HPC meeting, the bulk of the staff review will be handled by Breaden Belcher, Urbana Grants Management Division, as the city's Qualified Personnel.
- HPC Member Update: An application to serve on the HPC has been submitted to the Mayor's office. An announcement will be made if approved. There are currently two vacancies.
- Certified Local Government Assessment and Reporting: Jon Pressley, SHPO CLG Program Coordinator, conducted Urbana's quadrennial CLG review via videoconference with Marcus. Two items of note: we need your updated biography, detailing your background and interests, especially those things that are relevant to historic preservation. Also, the state asks if members have attended one informational or training event in the past twelve months. **Please update your biography and email to Marcus and Teri.**
- TRAINING/EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY: The National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) is hosting a webinar on October 7 entitled "Reading Plans." "One of the most important tools a commissioner needs for design review is the ability to interpret architectural drawings. For commission members with a limited background in architecture, construction, or design, analyzing plans and drawings can be intimidating. Join architect, Christopher Wand, to learn about the different components and how to make sense of them." Information was emailed to you on how to register; the city's NAPC membership should make you eligible to participate at no cost. **Please consider participating in educational opportunities and, when you do, inform Marcus so that he can add this to the next report.**
- Certified Local Government Grant Cycle Open: I spoke with Jon Pressley (CLG Coordinator) about submitting a grant to update/streamline/digitize our Demolition Delay List and Historic Survey Inventory; he thinks this is a good candidate project. The application period is 10/1/2021-11/15/2021. Information can be found here: <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnrhistoric/Preserve/Pages/Grants.aspx>. . If you are interested in assisting on the application or project, please contact Marcus.

## B. Historic Property Activities:

### 1. Certificates of Appropriateness In Progress or Review

- HP-2019-COA-01-B, COA-01-C, and HP-2020-EH-01  
2 Buena Vista Court – Andrew Fell  
Exterior Plaster Repair  
**2021-10-06 - UPDATE: stucco work scheduled to start soon, then porch metal roof and basement egress window can be completed. All interior work is complete.**
- HP-2020-COA-02  
4 Buena Vista Court – Janet Mohr  
Exterior Stucco Repair. Minor Work.  
2021-09-01 - NO UPDATE: stucco work is completed, plans to paint later this year.  
**2021-10-06 – NO UPDATE**
- HP-2020-COA-06  
8 Buena Vista Court – Henry Strehlow  
Exterior Stucco Repair  
2021-09-01 - NO UPDATE: little progress this summer due to rain: no stucco work performed yet.  
**2021-10-06 – NO UPDATE**
- HP-2021-COA-01  
8 Buena Vista Court – Henry Strehlow  
Minor works: access ramp removal, stair sidewall removal, porch repair  
2021-09-01 - NO UPDATE: little progress this summer due to rain: no stucco work performed yet.  
**2021-10-06 – NO UPDATE**
- HP-2021-COA-02  
210 South Race Street, Hotel Royer – Icon Hospitality, LLC.  
Minor works: roof repair  
**2021-10-06 - UPDATE: some progress has been made on membrane roof – material samples provided; no work performed on shingle roof.**
- HP-2021-COA-03  
210 South Race Street, Hotel Royer – Icon Hospitality, LLC.  
Major, minor, and exempt works: siding, lighting, accessory structure, wood detail, screens and lattice  
2021-09-01 – UPDATE: Major Works approved by HPC on August 4, 2021; Minor Works approved administratively on August 4, 2021.  
**2021-10-06 - UPDATE: SHPO recommended approval of amendment to allow stacked-stone cladding on north entrance and porte cochere (September 24, 2021). Work progress: continued installation of trim on 1982 addition; continued assessment of half-timber trim on 1923 hotel. Staff anticipates a second amendment will be submitted to permit replacement of trim on 1923 hotel.**

## 2. Zoning Issues

- 1404 South Lincoln Avenue – Chateau Normand/Pierre Moulin. Rental signboards were removed. May 6, 2021: Marcus emailed property manager and asked for the posts to be removed. Marcus will follow-up with a Zoning Violation Warning.  
**2021-10-06 - NO UPDATE.**
- 502 and 504 West Elm Street – Sutton House and Freeman House. Owner Jonah Weisskopf installed porch railings to meet insurance requirements. On May 7, Jonah emailed stair and railing designs. Marcus will review them with Alice.  
**2021-10-06 - NO UPDATE.**
- 612 West Green Street – Ricker House. Replaced asphalt shingles on roof with like. Minor Work.  
**2021-10-06 - UPDATE: David Newman submitted COA application; Marcus will forward to Alice.**
- 801 West Oregon Street – Chris Enck.  
**2021-10-06 - UPDATE: Posts have been removed. Thank you, Trent!**