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November 12, 2013

City of Bridgeton
Attn: Rebecca J. Bertram, Solicitor
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Re: Stephen P. Kernan v. Bridgeton Historic Preservation Commission
143 West Broad Street

Dear Ms. Bertram:

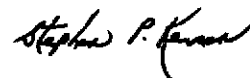
Regarding the above referenced matter I am in receipt of your correspondence dated November 8, 2013 to the Mayor and referenced Council Members and the Planning Board.

As a result of your correspondence and the action taken by the Bridgeton Historic Preservation Commission at the meeting held on August 26, 2013, I will not be pursuing an action against the City of Bridgeton, The Bridgeton Historic Preservation Commission or its members at the time of the Annual Report last year.

I would hope going forward that if the Bridgeton Historic Preservation Commission has any questions or concerns about my property that they contact me rather than reference my property and my work in an unfavorable light.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,


Stephen P. Kernan

SPK/tmk
cc: John P. Morris, Esq.

Bridgeton Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 26th , 2013

The regular meeting of the Bridgeton Historic Preservation Commission was called to order by Commissioner Livoti.

Notice of Compliance was read by Commissioner Scott.

In attendance :- James Livoti, Rosemary DeQuinzio, Jack Surrency, Raul Saez and Sangeeta Scott.

The minutes from July 22nd , 2013 were presented for approval and was approved as amended. Motion was made by Commissioner DeQuinzio and seconded by Commissioner Surrency.

Motion :-

Holly Manders, Project Manager, Manders Merighi Portadin Farrell Architects, LLC was here to make a presentation for Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for proposed repair of main entrance stairs and replacement of the entry door and surround at a portion of the Bridgeton Public Schools Administration Building(Block 91, Lot 4).

The main entrance currently has sandstone steps which have settled unevenly and the steps now have unequal tread and riser dimensions due to the settlement. Additionally, the existing landing at the top of the stair is approximately nine inches below threshold of the entry door. The stair and landing now do not meet code .The main entrance of the building is modern and does not conform to the historical feature of the building.

The renovations of the steps was approved without any conditions.

The implementation of the entrance door is for the future and it will depend on the funds available but it has been approved in the present terms. If there are any changes to the entrance from what was approved then they would have to come before the Commission again to get approval.

The motion for approval was made by Commissioner DeQuinzio and seconded by Commissioner Surrency.

Old Business :-

Annual report for 2012 by Flavia Alaya has possible lawsuit on item in page 5. In a paragraph there was a reference of an individual doing some unsympathetic work on a historic house on Broad Street. There was no reference of the individual or address, but Mr. Goodreau asked to withdraw this statement from the annual report to satisfy possible law suits. Rebecca Bertram, Solicitor for the City of Bridgeton, was present and spoke on the subject. The proposed comment in the first two paragraphs were replaced by the proposed paragraph and it was amended.

The motion to approve was forwarded by Commissioner DeQuinzio and seconded by Commissioner Surrency. A copy of these minutes will be sent to Rebecca Bertram.

New Business :-

- 1) Need clarification on the wording in the application for Historic Commission ability to have Counsel present for certain issues that require legal advice and so motion may be postponed to next meeting.

2) Need resolutions for :- 65 West Commerce Street, 13 Washington Street and Bridgeton Board of Education Administration Building.

There being no other matters coming before the Commission the meeting was adjourned, it was presented by Commissioner DeQuinzio and seconded by Commissioner Surrency.