



# City of Aurora

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## Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday  
February 16, 2023  
7:00 PM

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### CALL TO ORDER

*Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm*

### ROLL CALL

*The following Preservation Commission members were present: Chairman Miller, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Castrejon, Mrs. Foster, Mr. Hanson, Mrs. Ludwig, Mr. Munoz, Mr. Signorelli, and Mr. Walker. Mr. Hoffman was excused*

### OTHERS PRESENT

*The following staff members were present: Mrs. Morgan, Ms. Burden*

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**23-0018** Minutes from 11/10/2022 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

*MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY: Mr. Signorelli*

*MOTION SECONDED BY: Mr. Castrejon*

*AYES: Chairman Miller, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Castrejon, Mrs. Foster, Mr. Hanson, Mrs. Ludwig, Mr. Munoz, Mr. Signorelli, and Mr. Walker*

*NAYS: 0*

**A motion was made by Mr. Signorelli, seconded by Mr. Castrejon, that the minutes be approved and filed. The motion carried.**

### COA REPORT

**23-0132** November 2022 Historic Certificate of Appropriateness Report

**This COA Report was discussed and filed.**

**23-0133** December 2022 Historic Certificate of Appropriateness Report

This COA Report was discussed and filed.

**23-0134**

January 2023 Historic Certificate of Appropriateness Report

This COA Report was discussed and filed.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

## AGENDA

**23-0127**

2023 Historic Preservation Grant Applications (KDWK-2022.348-PZ/HP  
0 23-0127 - JM)

*Mrs. Morgan said so, in your packet you have the summary of each of the grants and then you have the recommendation from the Committee. The Grand Committee met last week. They recommended...they ranked High, Medium, and Lows and then they ranked them with funding 18 projects. Some of them were partially funded, 4 of the projects were partially funded. I thought I would just kind of quickly go through highlighting what the basic scope was, what would be the final grant amount the Grant Committee recommended. Maybe we could quickly go through all of them and then if anyone of the Commission has discussions that they want to change what the Grant Committee recommended, maybe we could go back to each of those and discuss in more detail, if that seems to work for everybody.*

*The Grant Committee met on February 7, 2023 to discuss the grant applications. Of the 24 applications, the Committee recommended ranking 11 projects high. The remaining projects were ranked the following: seven medium and the remaining not recommending funding. Four of the Highs were recommended as partial funding.*

*High:*

*108 N. View Street - Tanner -: Porch repair, replacing some tongue in groove floor and replacing front steps. The floor is deteriorated, the homeowner is doing the work themselves so it's materials only and the grant amount would be \$5,024. If the Committee has anything to add, please jump in.*

*329 S. Lincoln Avenue - Near Eastside -Porch restoration; they're restoring the front and back porches including replacing newel posts, half newels, treads, risers, etc. So, the Commission ranked this High but for the front porch only and there were also some conditions that they're basically recommending replacing piece meals of the current porch that's deteriorated. The current porch is kind of oddly built. It seems it wasn't well built, and it doesn't really match, I think, what they were trying to replicate, which was a home across the street. The Grant Committee was like...recommend giving funded but with the condition that they do something...replace the whole thing with something that makes a little more sense. They can even use some custom stock pieces instead of trying to just repair a badly constructed porch. That is for \$21,000.*

*353 West Park Avenue - Tanner – It's for siding repair, porch repair and painting. This one's currently in works so...I've already told the owner that nothing that's done or any material that's already been purchased would be eligible but the Committee did feel that there is a lot of work to be done to this building and if the owner's just asking for material, you get a lot more. So, they recommended funding and then allowing the*

person to even go beyond siding. He needed to work on anything on the porch, lattice on the bottom, the door, so give him the \$8,000 and see how much more he can do to repair the house. \$8,030

417 Spruce Street - Tanner - It's a bay window restoration. The Grant Committee recommended the total of \$17,571. This one also had conditions on....they needed more options and the homeowner has had trouble finding someone to tell him how to fix this bay window and Dan reached out to Seth and Seth gave us some ideas of instead of doing what they were trying to mud jack it. He said that could work but it kind of depends on what's already underneath and you could risk hurting the house's foundation. He recommended excavating and pouring proper footings in a concrete stem wall, which would probably cost a little more than their mud jacking, but he thinks the windows are probably repairable and I think they had originally estimated like \$18,000 for windows. Even if they had to replace the windows, there's other compatible windows that are not that costly. But the did...the Committee felt that it does definitely need to be addressed, that there are structural issues going on there.

424 West Park Avenue - Tanner -This is for siding repair, painting, window and door restoration, custom wood windows. This one the Committee recommended the total grant amount of \$21,000 but windows and doors only. So, not funding the painting.

426 Palace Street - Tanner – They came in for half round gutter replacement and painting. The Committee recommended gutters only with a total grant of \$11,727.

506 W. Downer Place – Westside- The home would have to become a landmark and I believe they are willing to do such. This is for soffit and eaves restoration. Replace deteriorated molded soffit and eaves in kind, restore gutter lining. They recommended...the Committee...\$12,187 grant and with the condition they must address the gutter lining.

518 W. Downer Place - Landmark - This is a local landmark. It's for deck construction. Add a new wood deck and stairs and railing on the rear of the house and a small side steps and landing. The Committee recommended funding but only the side porch and also not just doing a standard railing but trying to...doing a railing that's more coherent to the front. So, not just like a standard deck looking flooring and railing. The grant amount for that one is \$12,960.

535 W. Downer Place - Landmark - This is for porch restoration, siding repair, window repair, and new storm windows, have 15 to 17 custom wood storms made matching the existing wood storms from four windows in the turret. Replace porch decking, repair rails and balusters, replace some balusters, etc. They recommended the total grant amount of \$21,000.

625 Oak Avenue - Tanner - This is for window restoration and siding repair and painting is what they came in with the application. 18 windows will be stripped, sanded, stained, varnished, to match the existing original, reglaze glass, strip paint. The Committee recommended funding the windows only at a total grant amount of \$13,535.

816 Palace Street - Riddle Highlands- This is for front entrance repair. Remove the entire stonework, repair the concrete as needed and reset the stone, replace stone as needed. The Committee recommended the total of \$6,490.

Medium:

219 West Park Avenue - Tanner -This is for porch restoration; replace porch steps, handrail and knee wall and the final grant amount is \$18,210.

452 Pennsylvania Avenue - Tanner - This is for removing the siding and replacing it with that LP smart siding. I did confirm with pictures that underneath they showed several areas, the siding does not appear to be there, the original siding, so this would be putting up the LP smart siding and the smooth reveal with a smaller reveal than normal as we have discussed. \$15,915

215 Grand Avenue - Riddle Highlands – This is for repair and painting of siding and repair of windows, replace rotted wood and scrape, paint, and paint, replace windowsills, repair window trim, reglaze. This will be \$8,184.

333 Lawndale Avenue - Riddle Highlands - This is for painting, power wash, sand, caulk, paint trim, windows, porch railings, gutters. Total cost \$7,315.

462 Oak Avenue - Tanner – This is to remove the garage door and put a more historic looking garage door on. \$5,940 grant.

619 Palace Street - Palace - This is for painting, replacing fascia and soffit, power wash, scrape, prime, and paint and total project cost of \$9,394.

737 Pennsylvania Avenue - Tanner - Painting, repair, scrape, caulk, prime, and paint wood siding, fascia, soffit, etc. And this is a total grant of \$8,415.

So, that is all the ones the Grant Committee recommended. Do you want me to just quickly go through the ones that they ranked as Low as well?

Mrs. Ludwig said I think the Lows were included in what...we actually got through funding the Highs, Mediums, and the Lows. We were able to get all the way down there. The last batch of 6 are the Nos.

Mrs. Morgan said right, I guess the ones that the Committee was like no, that's not something they would want to fund at all. But I can quickly go through it in case anyone.... this one (128 S. Lincoln Avenue) is basically a 5-unit. The homeowner says he uses it as a single-family in the main house and has a rental, just 1 rental, but it is....we have it licensed as 5, so we're saying it's just not eligible unless he wanted to actually physically convert it. And Linda....yeah, it's a beautiful home...Linda Pilmer, she's a realtor, said she's been in it in the past couple of years and it still has like multiple kitchens.

Chairman Miller said yeah, one of the units is also a commercial unit in the back, it's

*like a little store.*

*Mrs. Morgan said 347 Lawndale was painting aluminum siding on the house and garage.*

*Mr. Hanson said that's actually....that's in Tanner, that's not in Palace. And 619 Palace is in Palace, not Tanner.*

*Mrs. Morgan said oh, okay. (inaudible)*

*Mr. Signorelli said I tried to talk them into removing the siding but it's no go.*

*Mrs. Morgan said 434 West Downer, they're submitting for work already done. 447 Blackhawk, the gentleman just didn't give me really any cost estimates other than this is how much I think it would take. I did ask him to break it down, like I don't need that much detail, I need something where you're getting these numbers and he never responded back. I think Jim Schweizer said he kind of knows the guy, so I told him to come to me next year and maybe I can help him work through it.*

*545 Oak is another paint the aluminum siding.*

*830 Charles Street is to replace the siding. It's not in bad condition. I had told these homeowners sometime last year to come in and for repairing and painting and stuff, they still submitted for replacing the siding.*

*So, is there any that the Commission disagrees with? We're able to basically fund a lot of projects. We have a little less applications this year. A couple of the applications you can see are just not something we want to fund really, regardless of how much money we had. The Committee felt that there were some of them were partially funded, but they'd rather maybe stretch it a little more, add more homeowners, and then just do...like instead of painting, gutters and painting, just do gutters on that home and get someone else an opportunity to the grant. Since we're able to fund, is there any of the completely Nos that the Commission thinks should be reconsidered?*

*Mr. Signorelli said well, I'm not actually saying I disagree with the Copley mansion at 434 Downer, except what makes me hesitate is that it's such a premier landmark....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said they're not eligible. The work's done.*

*Mrs. Morgan said if they would've submitted.....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said it's not for new proposed work, it's something they already did.*

*Mr. Signorelli said well, I know we had never done that before, but I thought since it was here that it was being considered.*

*Mrs. Morgan said I put it in because it technically wasn't in the guidelines, but I think that's more of an oversight. That's how we've always practiced it, I will update the website in the future.*

*Mr. Signorelli said okay. I'm okay then.*

*Mr. Hanson said so background to get us here; are all the grant recipients from last year....have they been fully funded, have they completed the work? Isn't that some of the things we've talked about? I walk by there every day, I drive by there every day, I see nothing done. I'm curious did they...is there a limit, a time limit or expiration date on their funding and what's going on with the ones we approved in past grant recipient*

award sessions?

*Mrs. Morgan said yes, so actually we've had that to give you guys an update, I apologize. So, one of them that was actually from not last year, but the year before, we had extended it a year because he was with a window restoration. One guy and we were trying to have him do multiple projects. He has finished up, just finished in January. There are 3, 4 projects....4 projects that I was....we did a resolution when I... we added additional fundings to the grants because the one person decided not to take it so we divvied out that money. That resolution allowed us to do amendments by just Mayor authorizing it, so I went ahead and extended 4 more of them into next year because again, contractor issues. One woman, the one on Clark Street, window restorations Terry, as opposed to her contractor not able to get to it, extended her a year and gave her some names of other contractors. The Jeffries on.... theirs was painting.*

*Chairman Miller said yeah, they're on View Street, they'd be next door to this gray house that's on the screen.*

*Mrs. Morgan said okay, alright. Theirs was painting, they had some issues with their contractors as well. I extended it to summer. The woman on 515 Oak with the chimney; I extended her till summer too. Hers was also just contractor, her contractor wouldn't get back to her.*

*Mr. Signorelli said did you say 518 Downer?*

*Mrs. Ludwig said no, no...we're all done.*

*Mr. Signorelli said okay. Could you do me a favor though and go back to the beginning and put the pictures up there and then we can say "yay" or "nay".....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said but those are...she's talking about last years.*

*Mrs. Morgan said I was talking about last years, yeah...*

*Mr. Hanson said I'm sure to find out....*

*Mrs. Morgan said was there one...which one were you thinking of?*

*Mr. Hanson said 3 different ones....3 different smaller allocations on Oak, in particular, and that doesn't mean that I'm fully versed on where they're at, I don't know if there's actually a statute of limitations for taking our funding and using it versus you give it to somebody else if they're not going to do the work. And Covid definitely put a grip on the availability of contractors and the price of materials so if we're coming out that, you have "X" amount of time to do the work or take our money to do the work.*

*Mrs. Morgan said yes, I would really like to try to hold fast the deadline of a year. I'm hoping now, like you said we're coming out of it, that we can do that more. I'm trying to start it...I started it earlier this year too. Like last year, we waited a little longer sort of hoping that we'll give people more time and we won't keep extending it. The ones on Oak, there's Michael Alborn....he just finished up.....he hasn't completely finished the deck repair on the rear but it's not historic, it's just a deck. He used all his grant money, so I went ahead and did some a partial payment for him because we had to use some of the funds. And then, that David Fey.... Mr. Fey; he was also one of the ones (inaudible.) I extended him; he was also one who had Terry as his contractor, so*

*I tried to give him more names too and he said he tried to call a bunch of people so I extended him and hopefully.... Terry said he could get to him, so hopefully that will work. Okay, so I just want to.....*

*Mr. Signorelli said yeah, could we just start at the top and then....*

*Mrs. Morgan said okay...108 North View.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said no issues.*

*Mr. Signorelli said no issues, no.*

*Chairman Miller said is it a thumbs up, thumbs down or...?*

*Mrs. Morgan said, or I guess maybe....*

*Chairman Miller said well if you have any questions, why don't you go through....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said yeah, I don't know if we need to re-do the hours we spent....*

*Mrs. Morgan said 329 South Lincoln.*

*Mr. Arnold said so who's...who's going to be, like, helping with the porch design then? How does that work? We're giving them money....*

*Mrs. Morgan said so this one will have to come back to the Preservation Commission to meet our condition that...it's an HCOA, not approved by Staff so they need to submit an HCOA with what they're doing and that needs to be approved by the Commission.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said yeah, a lot of these came with caveats, so we said, "we'll do it, but...you need a new design, you'll have to come back to us."*

*Mr. Arnold said cool.*

*Mrs. Morgan said 353-355 West Park.*

*Mr. Signorelli said well, I have doubts about that; giving it a high priority is that compared to the architecture of some of the other applicants, this one is kind of....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said but we have the money to fund them and all those other applicants. The only ones we didn't fund were the 6 at the bottom who were ineligible.*

*Mrs. Morgan said so, I guess.....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said it's not like somebody else lost out because we didn't help them.*

*Mrs. Morgan said I mean, yeah, so the only thing is that if you think one of the Nos should be....because we have to use....unless we have a large amount, we're not going to do a second grant amount. I do want to use the money because if we don't use it all....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said yes, use it or lose it.*

*Mrs. Morgan said yes. So, unless there's one that were Nos that you think should be or one of the ones that we partially funded.....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said like, the High, Medium, Lows don't mean anything anymore because we funded anything that was appropriate, so we already took out things that if it part of.....whether it was a High, Medium, or Low....if some of it didn't fit the philosophy of how we're dividing the money out, then that's why you would see a partial in there, not because we were just docking them money so we could spread it further, right? So, it doesn't really matter anymore if it's a High, Medium, or Low; it just matters now if it's a Yes or a No.*

*Mrs. Morgan said and, well, unless you think one of the Nos.....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said unless you think one of the Nos should be a Yes....*

*Mrs. Morgan said or one of the partial....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said or if it's a Yes then there...now it's just money sitting around.*

*Mrs. Morgan said or if one of the partially funded ones should get more funding.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said there's nobody that got no money because....but they were eligible. It's just that we didn't have as many applicants and you could take it a lot further.*

*Mr. Signorelli said yes, I see.*

*Mrs. Morgan said Jim's argument for this one was just it needs a lot of work, it would really help the street to have some more work done on this property.*

*Chairman Miller said the owner has already done some work, so it actually....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said but you're right, it doesn't take away from a more historic property.*

*Chairman Miller said looks a little worse in this picture because it's half done. He's replaced some siding that hasn't been painted yet. It's a bit of a hodge podge. On the other hand, when someone's doing their own work, in a way, it's kind of a bargain for us because we're just paying for materials. Some of the work he's already done, we don't need to reimburse him for that.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said and I see Al's point though; if it was up against something that was more of a contributor....*

*Mr. Signorelli said that was more significant....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said that it was going to be one or the other....*

*Mr. Signorelli said that was my issue. But I....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said but we didn't do that, yeah.*

*Mr. Signorelli said I understand.*

*Chairman Miller said yeah, if you would replace like the chicken wire lattices or the baluster of the doors....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said but nobody else got money taken away....*

*Mr. Hanson said still we're picking up what other people are laying down, okay; the work should be done but where does it get you? It doesn't get you to anything close to historical with the rest of the appearance, so they come back next year. Is this part of a bigger project they're funding in full or are they just doing this as we can fund them?*

*Mr. Signorelli said well, the things that we're giving them grant money for has to be appropriate, Matt.*

*Mr. Hanson said understood, but once you're there it's still not fully appropriate.*

*Mrs. Morgan said there's not much (inaudible) to it....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said it's probably as much as he could afford for this year (inaudible) understanding.*

*Mr. Hanson said so if we're going to fund things as we go along, I just want to know how this conceptually works.*

*Mrs. Morgan said I mean, I think it is probably.....*

*Mr. Hanson said it's partially funding getting it up to specs, up to historical code, I get it, but if it's all we can do right now the house is still going to look hodge podge then are you sure they're going to come back and do the rest of the work?*

*Mrs. Morgan said like, kind of in the end we funded this house and it still looks....*

*Mr. Hanson said it's still going to be a hodge podge unless they're committing to do the rest of the stuff.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said it's a tricky one because I totally see your point, on the other hand I would never personally commit to do that because what if I lose my job next year or something? You know I think a lot of these homes, people are doing the best they can and they're doing a bit at a time and so I see both sides of it, you know.*

*Mrs. Morgan said you know; it's not going to be one of those I take a picture of the grant and go "look at what we funded".*

*Chairman Miller said yeah.*

*Mrs. Morgan said well, we can think about it. If there's maybe another one or if there's....there's partial funding.*

*Mr. Hanson said I'm not saying no but if I had a hodge podge house in the historical district, I'd pick up on this and say "I want 10 grand a year to go ahead and keep my work moving."*

*Mrs. Morgan said and I want to say usually.....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said if you could afford it, that's cool. You know, I don't know that all these people could afford it.*

*Mr. Hanson said if we all could afford it, is it \$10,000 we give them?*

*Mrs. Morgan said sure. And I would say usually we have, I think, stronger applications. And we had a little more funding this year. Council gave us more funding.*

*Mr. Hanson said and there's nothing.....in the download here there's nothing....the application is blank so I can't read what they actually wrote.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said I think the original materials that went out before the...before we met as a Committee had the full.....*

*Mrs. Morgan said that had them....okay, maybe there was an issue downloading it.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said because we went through every one of them for, like, hours.*

*Mr. Hanson said I'm not challenging what they're looking to be reimbursed for, but if it's still going to be hodge podge after this, is every other going to end up not being hodge podge and look the way we hope to look?*

*Mrs. Morgan said that's a....I mean, yeah, I don't see them coming in and doing some major restoration to bring it back to historic.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said I think that could be the case for a lot of them on the list if we're going to use that.*

*Mr. Signorelli said well, I feel better after the discussion.*

*Mrs. Morgan said but we can keep in mind, maybe there isn't one that we partially funded that you're like "no, let's fund that instead of this".*

*417...so, let me just kind of make a mark (inaudible)....questioning.*

*417 Spruce, the bay window.*

*Mr. Signorelli said did we know if that.....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said so you're okay with this one then? Because this is going to be even less. That's not the original, that's probably the front door you're looking at.*

*Mr. Signorelli said uh, that was my question. (inaudible)*

*Mrs. Ludwig said so another one you could argue "well, if you're not going to rip off your front door and change where your front door is" and this and that....you're still a hodge podge, right?*

*Mr. Hanson said is that....is that....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said so I think we have to be equitable if we're going to say that.*

*Mrs. Morgan said Matt, if you need to move over....*

*Mr. Hanson said no, I can....I can see enough...*

*Mrs. Ludwig said like if we're going to say that to one house, we have to...we have to be fair, you know what I mean?*

*Mr. Hanson said I like being fair....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said that means we're going to take away.....*

*Mrs. Morgan said well, we also don't know when someone....like, I should say we don't know when that was done, I mean if it was done...*

*Mr. Signorelli said could be historically....*

*Mrs. Morgan said in the early, like 1920s or 30s; it could be historic too for the....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said but that front door is not the original entrance.*

*Mrs. Morgan said no, no, no...like...I mean....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said you know what I'm saying?*

*Mrs. Morgan said this layout could've been...I mean, I could look at Sanborn's and stuff...it could be 50 years old....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said right, right...*

*Mrs. Morgan said like it could have....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said right, right....*

*Mrs. Morgan said looked like this longer than it looked.....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said and that's why I'm not arguing with you, I'm just saying like we're going to have to divide that equitably though, if we consider these....*

*Mr. Hanson said well, I agree.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said you know what I mean?*

*Mr. Hanson said we're giving a paint job; we're giving out paint jobs then be equitable.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said yeah, be equitable across the whole board.*

*Mr. Signorelli said well that could, at least in defense of this one, it...even though that bay may not be original, it still has a more historic feel, personally in my mind, than the one we were discussing before, if we want to really nitpick.*

*Mrs. Morgan said right, because there's a character to the bay window, even if it's not original to the house.*

*Mr. Signorelli said I have a feeling that that house was very early.*

*Chairman Miller said it appears that it would be.*

*Mrs. Morgan said now there is the option if we want to do a second grant round, we could. But it would need to be a substantial amount of money to do it. Like at least \$75,000 to do another call for applications. So, if there's a.... if everyone just wants to do the Highs.... but we also don't know what type of caliber applications....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said well, why don't we do a vote and see which ones other people are concerned about?*

*Mr. Signorelli said so is this a yes?*

*Mr. Arnold said and what was this total for? Not mud jacking, right? It was....they don't have a price yet, right?*

*Mrs. Morgan said well they...we're going to just use the cost they came up with and say "we'll give you up to that, but you need to look at, sort of, other contractors and if it comes into more money, it's on you". But I think it's a substantial amount of money, like....*

*Chairman Miller said it is.*

*Mrs. Morgan said I think they can't probably do the foundation, maybe, if the windows need to be replaced in the future because they did get messed up. And I think the homeowners were willing to...they were at a loss as to what to do. They asked me about contractors and finding somebody and no one seemed to know. 424 West Park.*

*Mr. Signorelli said could you tell me again what the work is on that?*

*Mrs. Morgan said windows and doors.*

*Chairman Miller said yeah, it also involved all the repainting.*

*Mrs. Morgan said and painting.*

*Chairman Miller said but we didn't fund the painting. I think just with the windows and doors, we got up to the maximum.*

*Mr. Signorelli said okay.*

*Mr. Hanson said I think that, as someone that walks the dog around there quite a bit, I think that's a rental that whoever...I don't know if it's owned by the resident, the occupants or not, they've made an effort to make things look better there so I just....it used to really look pretty...pretty ratty.*

*Chairman Miller said it is owner occupied, it's a local business owner.*

*Mr. Hanson said okay, then they're doing better than they were before.*

*Chairman Miller said yeah, they did do a good job.*

*Mrs. Morgan said 426 Palace; this is for the half round gutters. Not painting, this was a partially funded one. This came in at \$11,727. So, this is one where there is money we could add to it if we wanted to do the painting.*

*Mr. Signorelli said I'm not against it, but I just thought that it was kind of surprising that it got a High priority simply for gutters. Even knowing, because I've replaced them on my home, what the half round gutters can cost.*

*Mr. Hanson said so that...there's definitely...there's part and parcel with that. There's definitely a property coming up soon I'd like to know if they had more than one estimate written up, if that's the...if they took the first and only because no one else wanted to answer their phone call; that sounds high. Doesn't mean I don't think it's appropriate, but it sounds like a really high number if they had competitive bids.*

*Mrs. Morgan said okay. 506 West Downer, this is for soffit and eave restoration. Concerns?*

*Mr. Signorelli said no, I mean it's such...I mean the architectural is fantastic and it's such a significant....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said getting it landmarked is a big deal.*

*Mrs. Morgan said and we'd get it landmarked.*

*Mr. Signorelli said yeah... yeah. It's so significant and I'm happy that it's going to be locally landmarked.*

*Chairman Miller said yeah, I would like to see it locally landmarked as well.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said a hundred percent.*

*Mr. Signorelli said yeah, absolutely.*

*Mrs. Morgan said 518 West Downer, this is for the deck construction, but that's the side porch where we want them to actually do a little more historic looking porch, really.*

*Mr. Signorelli said now we did have some issues with this house in the past because...I'm not even sure it's the same owner...*

*Mrs. Ludwig said it's not.*

*Mr. Signorelli said because the one fellow that owned it was doing some stuff that was completely inappropriate.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said it's a different owner now.*

*Mr. Signorelli said is it? Okay.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said and I would say to Matt's point, this is one that that little side porch completes it. That's really...when you look at the house from the front, that is the only thing left that is like "ohh", you know, so to Matt's point is if we're looking at something that it feels very done, that really feels kind of done as opposed to 'oh, this is just picking away at a bigger problem and they're going to have to come back and back and back'. So, it's one that I think what you're saying is that it kind of feels satisfied, that you're like 'yup, you're good', you know. And so, it seems like it would fit that. I don't know them personally other than I know they changed owners and that's the last little eyesore. Speaking of some eyesores.....(laughs).*

*Mrs. Morgan said 535 West Downer.*

*Mr. Signorelli said those colors.... oh my God.*

*Mrs. Morgan said I have people who like the colors. (laughs)*

*Mrs. Ludwig said some people love it and some people hate it. I will say now, this is one that is taking her...this is another step towards ultimate...this, to me, felt like a bigger, better step than...I mean last year she did a great job with it but you're still looking at that porch going 'ohh, God', you know. This is another big step towards making it back where it needs to be. She is putting in gobs of cash on other things, so she has redone other parts of the house on the outside under her own money. That it's one that, although I don't know that on paper, she could say "I would commit to doing something every year with or without", she's trying her best to keep going with the project.*

*Mr. Signorelli said yeah, my God, it's a huge property....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said it is.*

*Mr. Signorelli said and the maintenance must be just unbelievable.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said so she doesn't have the cash in pocket, even if we had \$100,000 to give her this year, she couldn't do it. She could not do it in one haul, but she is one that's working her butt off to try to do....keep the (inaudible).*

*Mrs. Morgan said 625 Oak, this is for window restoration and windows only. This was also partial one (inaudible).*

*Mr. Hanson said it slowly grinds away how many windows....that's basically my house but a block away, I'm just curious how many windows are being restored in the project.*

*Mrs. Morgan said 18.*

*Mr. Hanson said okay.*

*Mr. Signorelli said wow.*

*Mrs. Morgan said this was from Historic Home, \$13,700. Only 1 estimate; for windows it's difficult to get more than 1 estimate.*

*Mr. Arnold said so when would...are we doing painting only if there's like repairs to the siding or removing siding or when do we....? I know last year we did a few painting...*

*Mrs. Morgan said last year we kind of divvied up....gave a little bit of money to each one of the painting jobs. I recommended not doing that because one, it's not really what they applied for knowing it and it gets complicated when, like, if you...if they don't take the money, then what do you do with it? You can't just give it to somebody else who has the money to do the whole job, so it gets complicated, so I was like I think we need to either fund whole projects, not just....*

*Mr. Arnold said so it's kind of like if there's removing siding, we'll paint or if it's a bigger repair, right?*

*Mrs. Morgan said yeah, that's usually how it....*

*Mr. Arnold said is that what we're thinking? Not just somebody..."oh, it's time to paint again".*

*Mrs. Morgan said though we did kind of...since we had more funds, some of the ones that the Lows that are getting funding are kind of painting because we have the money. And painting does make a big impact....*

*Mr. Arnold said oh, yeah. It does.*

*Mrs. Morgan said I mean everyone eventually needs painting.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said but not prioritized over somebody (inaudible)....a little more substantial help.*

*Mr. Castrejon said so we ruled out paint jobs on Round 1, then because there was indeed further funding, then they came back in the mix.*

*Mrs. Morgan said yeah, I think fortunately some of these people with the extra funding and the less applications are getting....*

*Mr. Signorelli said I wish we could help with painting because it's so expensive.*

*Mr. Arnold said yeah, it is....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said but we did help.*

*Mr. Arnold said that's what I'm thinking, it does make a difference.*

*Mrs. Morgan said it makes a big street impact....*

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*Mrs. Morgan said it's just when you have, like 10 of them and you just don't have funding....like, how do you choose?*

*(MULTIPLE VOICES OVERLAPPING)*

*Mr. Arnold said yeah, yeah....exactly.*

*Mrs. Morgan said (inaudible) if you're able. You have the funding...*

*Mr. Arnold said yeah.*

*Mrs. Morgan said 816 Palace is the front entrance repair.*

*Mr. Arnold said is there any details on what they're doing? Like...*

*Mrs. Morgan said yeah, they're removing the entire stonework. They have 1 estimate....*

*Mr. Arnold said I mean, you'd....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said (inaudible) you think that's a bit overpriced.*

*Mr. Signorelli said it seems to be...very high, yeah.*

*Mr. Hanson said so there's only 1....there's only, at least in the packet, there's 1 bid only from Willow Springs and there's very little detail on what they're doing. You know, if you pour concrete steps and you decorate it with limestone, good enough....that ain't 7 grand.*

*Mr. Signorelli said to me, it's small.*

*Mr. Hanson said 3 small steps...*

*Mr. Arnold said yeah, what are they doing? Is it stone or....*

*Mr. Castrejon said a lot of the stone is cracked on either side of the steps, the landing itself is quite cracked...*

*(MULTIPLE VOICES OVERLAPPING)*

*Chairman Miller said (inaudible) stone that matches the house. Looks like part of the house. It is coming apart.*

*(MULTIPLE VOICES OVERLAPPING)*

*Mrs. Ludwig said (inaudible) but they were saying structural....*

*Chairman Miller said (inaudible) rebuild it with the same stone...*

*Mr. Arnold said yeah, I could see how that.....like a craftsmanship, yeah....*

*(MULTIPLE VOICES OVERLAPPING)*

*Mrs. Morgan said (inaudible) stones that have it replaced in kind....possible but I don't remember details on that.*

*Mr. Signorelli said so there's agreement (inaudible) and that that is....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said yeah, they're looking at....*

*Mr. Arnold said yeah, that's a....because that's more of a craftsmanship made stonework. It's not just pouring something...it's a....*

*Mr. Hanson said I disagree. There's 1 bid here that seems awfully high for...*

*Mr. Arnold said he probably couldn't find anyone to do that kind of stonework...*

*Mrs. Ludwig said you guys are saying it's not high when you look at (inaudible)*

*(MULTIPLE VOICES OVERLAPPING)*

*Mr. Munoz said once you look at it...*

*Mr. Arnold said it's unique....*

*Mr. Munoz said the work that has got to be done....*

*Mr. Arnold said to use fieldstone....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said (inaudible) is it Simon?*

*Mr. Munoz said no, no....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said no, it's not bad.*

*Mrs. Morgan said I mean, I could say....(inaudible) you have to submit a 2nd bid.*

*(MULTIPLE VOICES OVERLAPPING)*

*Mr. Hanson said there's nothing in the application process (inaudible).*

*Mrs. Morgan said you are. You're supposed to have 2 but...*

*Mr. Hanson said okay...*

*Mr. Munoz said how much was the....*

*Mrs. Morgan said with it being so difficult, I've accepted 1 with the caveat that (inaudible) that brings up the questioning of not having 2 bids. So, that means definitely we can conditionally say, "we'll give you the grant, but I need a 2nd bid to make sure you're not giving somebody an unreasonable..."*

*Mr. Signorelli said but of course a lot of times, like what you were saying so many times before people can call a number of contractors and you don't even get a reply.*

*Mrs. Morgan said at least I can give them some names and like...*

*Mr. Arnold said yeah, that's going to be like a specific stone craftsman, it's not just....*

*Mr. Hanson said there's a lot of limestone in Geneva, Batavia, and St. Charles. Someone has to be able to do the work, even if they say they can't handle it, they offer you a very high bid. But there's only 1 bid proposed here so I just....I could be dead wrong, this could be the best deal in the galaxy, but there's 1 bid in the paperwork.*

*Mrs. Morgan said what about the...there was a contractor who did stone steps, limestone he had like Indiana limestone....*

*Chairman Miller said he was on Oak....he replaced....*

*Mr. Arnold said he did it himself....yeah....*

*Mrs. Morgan said no, no...he had a contractor.*

*Mr. Arnold said oh, really? I thought he was the contractor. When I talked to him, I thought he... he's the contractor.*

*Mrs. Morgan said he helped on it but there was a...Sadilla or something. He did have someone helping him so that might be someone who is familiar with like...*

*Mr. Arnold said because those were pretty, I mean, expensive to do....(inaudible). It's expensive to do stonework.*

*Chairman Miller said that did turn out very nicely. The project turned out very nicely.*

*Mr. Arnold said yeah, that was nice. I went by and talked to him.*

*Mrs. Morgan said but yeah, if we want to just condition that we need a 2nd bid unless...or like....unless Staff determines that...*

*Mr. Arnold said it's hard to price out with 1 bid, because we don't know.*

*Mrs. Morgan said right. And that's why we want 2 bids. And some of the work usually we're pretty good at kind of being like 'that seems reasonable' but I can just have, say, maybe spend the time getting a 2nd bid.*

*Mr. Hanson said seems like someone...the only bid from 2 counties away. There's probably someone else closer that would consider doing the work. That's all.*

*Mrs. Morgan said 219 West Park. Let me write that down....*

*Mr. Arnold said is this the back porch or the front porch?*

*Mrs. Morgan said this is a...*

*Mr. Arnold said their back porch is about to fall over...*

*Chairman Miller said but it's the back.*

*Mr. Arnold said yeah, it is the back.*

*Mrs. Morgan said it is the back, yeah.*

*Chairman Miller said the back porch which I can't see from the street.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said but we went on Google maps to see it...*

*Chairman Miller said (to Mr. Arnold) you would see everything...*

*Mr. Arnold said that's my neighbor's house, yeah. It's really in bad shape. It's kind of...the whole wall is going to fall. That's what it looks like.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said this is one we debated on for a while. We're up on Google maps trying to see how much we can see....*

*Mr. Arnold said yeah, it's right by the sidewalk on West....on Wilder, yeah you can see it.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said because normally back porch...we'd be like 'eh' but yeah, you could see it.*

*Mrs. Morgan said 452 Pennsylvania, this was for siding. I probably pushed for this one....I just, I feel for this woman...*

*Mrs. Ludwig said this was the longest debate of the night.*

*(MULTIPLE VOICES OVERLAPPING)*

*Mrs. Morgan said (inaudible) just like to have a...*

*Mrs. Ludwig said well you know how long those things could....*

*Mrs. Morgan said yeah (inaudible) violation off the books and we had some extra money.*

*Mr. Arnold said but that's not fixing the window? What are they doing now?*

*Mrs. Morgan said they're just removing the vinyl siding and....*

*Mr. Arnold said not open up the porch?*

*Mrs. Morgan said no, not the porch...it's....when you look inside, it's very...I mean opening up the porch is like major rehaul. It's a completely....*

*Mr. Arnold said I don't know....man, I don't know....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said and we agreed and said the same thing, like it still doesn't fix that window...it wouldn't have made it except we had gone through everything else and like...we have the money.*

*Chairman Miller said we've turned her down multiple times, I think.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said yes.*

*Chairman Miller said this time we're just working further down the list.*

*Mr. Arnold said can you get a least a new front door?*

*Chairman Miller said no, if we said....*

*Mr. Walker said because it's....because she told us....*

*Chairman Miller said these side windows of the porch are still there, they just have siding covering them. We'll require that she leave them exposed so that at least the porch will have side windows rather than having siding over the windows.*

*Mr. Signorelli said oh, well that's an improvement.*

*Chairman Miller said they're still inappropriate windows and shouldn't even be there but it's....it looks more like a porch.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said I'm going to take Team Matt on this though and just say one last time, it still doesn't get it back to....*

*Mr. Hanson said (inaudible) did we get anywhere with the window or the door in the past? Is that....*

*Mr. Signorelli said yeah, we've already been through all of that with this woman....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said we tried and she's just not....*

*Mr. Signorelli said and you know, we just....*

*Mrs. Morgan said (inaudible) going to replace the door. That's a pretty easy...*

*Mrs. Ludwig said I mean, we all know this woman does not care....*

*Mr. Walker said I think the siding is less of an issue than the window and the door.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said that's how I feel.*

*Mr. Hanson said the window and the door hurt my eyes more than the siding.*

*Mr. Arnold said yeah, the siding...you shouldn't have, it's a no-no but at least it looks okay from the street. That looks horrible.*

*Mr. Signorelli said but we've been through this with her a few times....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said yeah, many times....*

*(MULTIPLE VOICES OVERLAPPING)*

*Mrs. Morgan said (inaudible) make the argument it's not a big deal, then why are we making....*

*Mr. Arnold said I know, I know....*

*(MULTIPLE VOICES OVERLAPPING)*

*Mr. Arnold said I'm just saying compared to that picture window and the massive....almost....*

*Mrs. Morgan said I mean, it gets it better and then if someone comes in here with more of an interest and wants to change out the window....*

*Mr. Arnold said it's got a lot of satellite dishes on the front...(inaudible). I thought that wasn't allowed.*

*(MULTIPLE VOICES OVERLAPPING)*

*Mrs. Morgan said it's technically not but it is widespread and there's issues with....we'd have to do a (inaudible) communication if that's the only place you have to put it. They can put it...if you restrict it, then you're restricting federal communication laws.*

*Mr. Arnold said yeah, I got ya.*

*Mrs. Morgan said so it's one of those 'I don't think it ranks on my priority of things to address in the Historic District'.*

*Mr. Signorelli said let me...let me ask....what the consensus is. I mean, we all know that this house is never going to be the Craftsman that it should be.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said correct.*

*Mr. Signorelli said there's going to be things that are going to, as Matt said, hurts your*

eyes. *But is there a consensus that at least the changes that she's willing to do and that we're willing to help her with will at least be a little bit of an improvement?*

*Mr. Arnold said that includes soffit, would it not?*

*Mr. Munoz said probably not...probably not because it's....(inaudible)*

*Mrs. Morgan said no, because soffits were already.... (inaudible)*

*Mr. Castejon said so will the recommendation get her off the violation list?*

*Mrs. Morgan said yes.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said yes.*

*Mr. Arnold said then yes...whatever.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said yeah, that's all I got too (laughing).*

*Mr. Signorelli said maybe that's a good thing in itself to...*

*Mr. Arnold said yeah.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said maybe someone else may be more enticed to buy it from her or....*

*Mr. Signorelli said she'd have to be quiet about it for a while and maybe something can happen down the line.*

*Chairman Miller said I would say that because of these questions we're raising that's why she's been turned down several times in the past.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said yeah.*

*Chairman Miller said I would say we probably should include it unless....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said and maybe only if we can afford to help her out.....*

*Chairman Miller said unless we hold back enough money....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said if we're going to do it, now's the year, you know.*

*Chairman Miller said unless we're going to hold back enough money to do another funding round, she said. That would take a substantial...*

*Mr. Castejon said and that should happen...*

*Mrs. Ludwig said we don't want to do that, do we?*

*(MULTIPLE VOICES OVERLAPPING)*

*Mr. Signorelli said I mean in the most ideal world, obviously we would love to see...to be able to give money, to give funding to any house anywhere, it was significant and they were willing to do wonderful stuff that was completely appropriate and it improved the whole block, you know. I mean, that's the ideal situation but we're not going to find*

*that every time.*

*Mrs. Morgan said 215 Grand, it's a siding repair, window-sill repair. This is another one that's come in like several years. We usually say no to her, again, because this is just kind of small minor stuff. She had funding.... she's at least has been in the Historic District a long time. She's been in the house for a very long time, so she has...I mean it's a little run down but at least she's kept it intact (inaudible) through the years.*

*Mr. Hanson said on that block it is one of the cutest houses but I.... cute doesn't qualify for historic (laughs). But on that block, it stands out as kind of cute.*

*Mr. Signorelli said yeah, it is an attractive house on that block, yeah.*

*Mrs. Morgan said 333 Lawndale, this was painting. This was another one that fell kind of to the bottom, except we had extra funding. Let's stretch it and help with painting. I think it was siding repair too and window trim repair.*

*Mr. Signorelli said yeah, they also did...recently did some tuckpointing as well.*

*Mrs. Morgan said which that would probably have been something more likely to wanted...funding rather than the painting but....*

*Chairman Miller said yeah, it's more structural. Yeah. It's a very nice home.*

*Mrs. Morgan said 462 Oak. New garage door.*

*Mr. Arnold said that one...I don't know how to get a historic looking door for that cheap and why they're spending that much in carpentry. I don't understand. I drove by and...*

*Mrs. Morgan said they're changing the size of the...*

*Mr. Arnold said why?*

*Mrs. Morgan said because the custom door does not.... you either have to do a custom door or change the size a little bit to get a stock door.*

*Mr. Arnold said if it's a stock door, it's not going to look any better than what it is now. I don't...it looks like a 15 by something door from the street. I want to go back there and measure it but...*

*I just didn't understand why...I mean the doors that are available look...and I don't know what, I couldn't find anything that looks what they're looking at but it just seems odd that they're framing it smaller when you just get the door made in 4-inch increments. Any door you can purchase in 4-inch increments, length-width wise and then 3-inch increments height wise. You can make it work.*

*Mr. Signorelli said so they're making the original opening smaller?*

*Mr. Arnold said yeah, to make a stock door. If it's a stock door, it's not going to look...you just need a raised panel door.*

*Mr. Hanson said want to or have to?*

*Mr. Arnold said they're...I couldn't find that in here.*

*Mrs. Morgan said so one of their bids is for a door that would fit in the current garage opening. The other is from Allen Doors, 14 feet wide.*

*Mr. Arnold said so what was the other door? 15 foot? It looked like a 15 foot...oh, they're doing the stamped shaker.*

*Chairman Miller said (inaudible) she was going to pick.*

*Mr. Arnold said yeah, it's a stamped shaker. I've sold those in some historic homes around here. It looks close...it doesn't look amazing but it's nice for the price. But I was just curious the size thing. I mean you can buy them...why they're spending....and it was like \$2500 in framing materials. I don't understand why that would be so much.*

*Mrs. Morgan said I think the one that fit came in at \$3715. I mean that can also be a condition that you need to fit...you want it custom fit and we'll give you that amount...*

*Mr. Arnold said yeah, because on a brick...on the garage, if you start building in, I think it's going to look....*

*Chairman Miller said it may not be the look we want. Does anyone have feelings on...*

*Mr. Arnold said and I didn't know what we were doing about garage doors. I never thought that we funded garage doors.*

*Chairman Miller said I don't think that we've funded a garage door before. I have some concerns about that.*

*Mr. Arnold said they have the same wood as my house. I painted mine to match my house, but it's the same manufacturer, same look. Mine's just a single. I wish someone would buy me a garage door but...*

*Mr. Signorelli said well can it be a factor with funding a garage door with this be its location? How much you could see it from the street or not see it from the street?*

*(MULTIPLE VOICES OVERLAPPING)*

*Mr. Hanson said (inaudible) exposure to the front based on is there anything in the driveway and, frankly, does anyone care? It's a detached garage so it wasn't historical (inaudible).*

*Mrs. Ludwig said I think we felt like it was...we must have felt that it was visible enough because I think we all, if I recall I think we talked about that. We didn't give it a no. I feel like a garage tucked all the way to the back we would've just said no. I'm trying to remember, though.*

*Mrs. Morgan said Jim Schweizer was very excited about this one.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said what's that?*

*Mrs. Morgan said Jim was very excited about this one.*

*Chairman Miller said yeah, I ....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said is that why....*

*Chairman Miller said not particularly, no.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said I'm trying to remember because I can...I'm with you, I don't think I would've been doing backflips over a garage door. There must've been a reason.*

*Mrs. Morgan said so does this mean we'll come back to it....*

*Chairman Miller said just that we went all the way down through all our Lows and I was kind of surprised that we got to this one. I don't think it's essential. If we took this money and gave it to some of the people we paid partial, that would be okay.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said what would we do...I mean the one thing is....*

*Mr. Hanson said roll it over and give it to somebody else.*

*Mrs. Morgan said there's a couple that we're questioning so we can see how much that gives us and can we throw that toward some of the partially funded....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said toward some of the partials but we have to make sure that...because sometimes we took the partials and made them partials because it wasn't all appropriate.*

*Mr. Arnold said I just think that with a garage door, it has to be pretty impressive to get grant money. And that's not...this isn't....these are just stamped doors. My neighbor's door is a wood door, right? It costs...now it costs 10 plus thousands but it's a wood door, it's right on the street, it's a carriage door. This is just a stamped door. It's not really historic, it's just....if they're doing an overlay door which is going to cost probably like \$12,000, well then maybe we can help half. But not just a stamped door.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said yeah, but since we need to give out the money though, should we look at the 4....there's only 4 that are partials at all... and should we see how much the remaining of the partials would be and what the work of the rest of the partial would be? Because if it's....let's say that partial, the rest of it was painting...okay, fine. But if the rest of the partial was something inappropriate like back porches that we said no, we're not going to do that.....*

*Mr. Arnold said yeah, I'd rather have it go to a painting or help somebody do something more than a garage door.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said yeah, there's just not that many people left to even try to give the money to. There's only 4 of them that we can even....*

*Chairman Miller said well, really only of them.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said only 2.....*

*Chairman Miller said one of the partials is....*

*Mr. Hanson said the actual visibility part for this property in particular, there's always something there. A big truck, a big trailer. I know who lives there and wonderful people that do things that there's never nothing in the driveway; this is not a visible garage so that starts there. It's a really cute house, but they're...*

*Mrs. Ludwig said and that's fine. We've just got to see if we even have anybody else needing any more money.....whether it's appropriate.*

*Mrs. Morgan said (inaudible) the rest of them....we have at least 2 circled, we'll see how much money if we took those away and we go back to the partial funded ones and see if we'd rather throw the money toward those.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said and Dan, you're saying there's only 2 partials that are even eligible to take any more money...*

*Chairman Miller said yeah, because they would have painting....which we're giving other people money for painting.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said right, right....that would be fair.*

*Chairman Miller said one of them is a partial but we're already at the max. And the other one is a partial but the additional would be a back deck that we don't really care about.*

*Mrs. Morgan said but you might care more about that for a garage....back deck over a garage door, you know maybe...*

*Chairman Miller said yeah, I don't care that much about a garage door.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said well, maybe let's see how much if we fully funded the 2 that we excluded the paint and if that's, you know, we take...I forget how much the garage door was...and if that covers those 2, yay....and then maybe we help that other one make a little bit of progress, even though we know it's not all the way...*

*Mrs. Morgan said alright, so we have 2 more; 619 Palace.*

*Mr. Hanson said so this is....this is literally a neighbor, they just moved in and now we're giving them a paint job. And that's what's stopping me.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said this is gutters....*

*Mrs. Morgan said no, this is...*

*Mrs. Ludwig said I'm sorry, I can't see that well.*

*Mrs. Morgan said siding repair and painting.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said oh, I apologize.*

*Mrs. Morgan said I mean, again, this is one of those it was painting but we had the money and it....*

*Mr. Hanson said I would love to see money come into the Palace Historical District and to help with a little paint but if we're going to give away paint jobs, I'll be first in line next year.*

*Mr. Arnold said go for it.*

*Mrs. Morgan said I mean some of the (inaudible) for this round applied in a round that wasn't as much competition.*

*Mr. Arnold said yeah, I think that's what...*

*Mrs. Ludwig said there wasn't or we couldn't afford all of those. If we take away all the paint jobs, we are going to have to go for another round of submissions.*

*Mrs. Morgan said or we can do that if...you know...but we just, we need to use the funds so like if we turn down this time and we do another round and they come back with similar ones, we're looking at....*

*Mr. Arnold said yes..no, I see....*

*Mrs. Morgan said if we don't use it, we're...*

*Mr. Hanson said were any of the "No"s "No"s because of....and I'm sure that you pursued them if they weren't complete and even those because they were missing a document or anything other than an additional bid?*

*Mrs. Morgan said no. Anything I...*

*(MULTIPLE VOICES OVERLAPPING)*

*Mr. Arnold said and we can't do their job for them either, they've got to....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said right.*

*Mrs. Morgan said and the aluminum siding painting, like, so that's...but it's also painting so...*

*Mr. Signorelli said can I...before you begin again...could I...I understand the idea that we don't want to just give money for painting, but the question that I have in my mind is there's painting and there's painting. Now when the paint job also includes scraping, priming, stripping, caulking...you know, repair as well as painting, I don't think we should necessarily just blow off an applicant because we're saying painting because...*

*Mrs. Ludwig said they didn't though, we covered all that.*

*Mrs. Morgan said well, I mean that's....*

*Mr. Signorelli said I mean just generally because even in my mind I thought well, painting, we don't want to give all the applicants money for just painting but I guess my point is some (inaudible) it's a lot more than just painting. So, I guess you're taking that into consideration.*

*Chairman Miller said yeah, some painting jobs we gave funding to last year did include some repair like a few windows and one of them on View Street involved moving this trellis that would've been added in the 50s on the porch roof. A strange looking fence on the front porch roof that didn't belong there. And they have removed that. They haven't completed the painting yet, but that strange fence-like structure has been removed.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said and I don't think we would've covered painting here if there were*

*enough other things to go against it that were going to be higher value, it's just at that point we had a bunch of money left over and we could fund some more things and so we let them in.*

*Mr. Signorelli said okay.*

*Mrs. Morgan said sorry, one more; 737 Pennsylvania. So, besides the rehab questions, the 355, 353-355, the gentleman was half doing his own work was one people questioned. I guess people questioned the vinyl siding one and then the only other question, I think, was 462 for the garage door. So, if we did 353 and 462, you're at \$13,970 and then if you add.... was there any other ones that I'm missing that people will kind of question?*

*Mr. Hanson said 737 (inaudible) that was a lower...I mean, you know.*

*(MULTIPLE VOICES OVERLAPPING)*

*Mr. Hanson said (inaudible) question there. I've got blanks on the application and I see 1 bid so it's a paint job with 1 bid on it.*

*Mrs. Morgan said 2 bids: Caliendo at \$7650 and Country Painting at \$9600.*

*Mr. Hanson said okay, there's one here and then (inaudible)*

*Mrs. Morgan said I wonder if something's not...if something happened that it didn't get attached. They were large documents so there could've been....*

*Chairman Miller said yeah, because there were 2 bids when I saw it previously.*

*Mr. Arnold said so could we, with that 452 Pennsylvania with the ugly door and the side, could we take the garage door money and see if she'd want to get a new door and the window possibly? I mean, can we ask and say....*

*Mrs. Morgan said we could offer it....*

*Mr. Arnold said because it would help.*

*Mrs. Morgan said I think the window would be difficult. That window would be, I would think, costly.*

*Mr. Arnold said yeah, it's huge. But the door though is pretty bad.*

*Mrs. Morgan said pretty easy to put on. Are you thinking more of a standard like, yeah like the wood door.*

*Mr. Arnold said something....something, yeah...not with the...I don't know, it's just a thought.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said you don't mean this one, do you? Do you mean the violation?*

*Mr. Arnold said yeah, the violation bungalow, yeah with the whatever modern....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said we just don't seem to get anywhere with her with that stuff, do we?*

*Mrs. Morgan said well, I mean if we're giving her a bunch of money....*

*Mr. Arnold said I mean because we're at \$8000 for her and that garage door....I'd rather see the money from the garage door, at much as I hate this house, I'd rather go and at least make the front look nice. Even just between the 2 brick posts, to make even that without siding and just make it look like an entrance instead of like a barn with a....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said or you could take....or you could take the 2, frankly you could take away some of the paint stuff and put more into the 2, this and the other one that's a bit of an eyesore of...was it 353 West Park or something? You could also take it and try to make that one better...*

*Mr. Arnold said yeah that one could be helped too, exactly.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said you could take some of these partials that Matt's talking about and give them more just to like....*

*Mr. Arnold said so the one on West Park is a big...*

*Mrs. Ludwig said and be done with this...*

*Mr. Arnold said it's a lot on the street.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said it's a big eyesore, right?*

*Mr. Arnold said it's a big....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said so what if you take some painting jobs away and say forget the paint jobs and forward to that guy...*

*Mrs. Morgan said then the problem...*

*Mr. Hanson said this is like a leftover Lego house and she's not going to be cooperative to the spirit of what you're suggesting I think that 353/5, if they're ready to keep moving forward in making their place look historical and up to specs, that's a better investment. Door money there versus door money here.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said she can't afford it, right? She's out of money.*

*Mr. Hanson said yeah, she's.....*

*Mrs. Morgan said (inaudible) 353-355 is, I mean, he could have a code violation which is causing him to do what he did. I don't know if like we say we'll give you more money to restore the whole porch, would he really be spending....because it's his time...*

*Mrs. Ludwig said true, it's him...yeah, yeah right....*

*Mrs. Morgan said I don't know. I mean he might be. If he gets a grant this year, maybe he'll apply next year for the grant.*

*Mr. Hanson said when it comes to that garage door though, no one notices, no one says a thing about it. Everyone would like to have a functional garage door. It's roll it over versus spend it.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said so take away the garage but then do we put that into somebody's partial...like 2 eligible partials, give a little more toward their paint or whatnot.*

*Mr. Hanson said or give that person the, we appreciate your effort, we...we're going to make it better, give that....make that a partial, give the balance to somebody else but....*

*Mr. Signorelli said I think we do need to be careful here. People's sensibilities when we say "okay, here's what you want to do but we don't like that and we'll give you money to do only this, if you do this because this is what we think is appropriate", you know what I mean? You're getting into a thing where their....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said yeah, that's where it's easy is just to take away a garage guy, take that money and put it into one of these partials if it's appropriate.*

*Mrs. Morgan said as opposed to trying to add to...*

*Mrs. Ludwig said instead of more caveats to this person or that person.*

*Mrs. Morgan said which does get complicated if they don't approve, they don't agree to it, we don't have leftover funds....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said and then you get this one we clear her violations.*

*Mr. Signorelli said I can see scenarios where people will get insulted, you know.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said and they can only afford what they can afford.*

*Mr. Signorelli said yeah.*

*Mrs. Morgan said I mean even the deck one that we were saying he needs (unintelligible). I mean I don't know what the guy's going to come back with. That's also one we could maybe....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said I can (unintelligible)...he wants to do it right.*

*Mrs. Morgan said okay, the price is for the bottom basic so we're only funding the basic so it's probably going to be more....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said that's okay. He spent a lot of money into....that front porch, that railing is...I think Matt's right to take away the garage one though.*

*Mrs. Morgan said so if we did just the garage door, you're at \$5940. Is there another....and we had \$2000 left over.*

*Mrs. Ludwig said and so you can take 7 and maybe put some back into the 2 partials that we took away from.*

*Chairman Miller said yes, there were 2 partials that are not up to 20 yet and...*

*Mrs. Morgan said so \$8500, so we had 2 partials....*

*Mrs. Ludwig said that are not up to 20...*

*Mrs. Morgan said yeah, that wasn't at max. So the gentleman at 426 Palace; he was a...we were just going to do the gutters. He also came in for painting. Yeah, I mean he did the painting...he could...*

*Mr. Hanson said so that, so make sure....did they have a second bid?*

*Mrs. Morgan said*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

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