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MEMORANDUM

TO: Aurora Preservation Commission Members
FROM: Jill N. Hall, Planner
SUBJECT: Grant Committee Meeting
DATE: November 30, 2015
CC: Stephane A. Phifer, Planning and Zoning Director
Bill Wiet, Chief Development Officer

The Grant Committee, consisting of Rob Vaughan, Linda Pilmer, and Dan Miller, met with Stephane Phifer and Jill Hall on November 24th to discuss the grant applications. The Committee recommends that five of the 15 applications are the most worthy for funding for this Grant Cycle. See the following comments about each project.

- **113 S. 4th Street:** The applicant is restoring the original wood siding that was underneath replacement siding. The Committee ranked this high because the owner did not have to undertake this project but is choosing to restore the historic fabric of the house. The restoration will make a major difference to the building.
- **238 Lawndale Avenue:** The applicant is proposing to restore the original windows. The Committee felt that the owners have already done substantial work on the house and the windows would help to continue the rehabilitation of the home.
- **418 Grand Avenue:** The applicant is proposing to replace the deteriorated cedar siding with new cedar siding. The owner is taking on a major project by installing actual wood siding himself. The Committee felt that this project will make a positive impact to the streetscape.
- **210 Oak Avenue:** The applicant is proposing to replace small portions of deteriorated siding and repaint the house. The Committee felt that preserving the siding would help maintain the building and benefit the streetscape. Staff will work with the owner to clarify the cost estimates.
- **169 S. Lincoln Avenue:** The applicant is proposing to paint the exterior of the home and repair the front porch, including replacing damaged spindles with replicated spindles. The owner is being sensitive to retaining the historic design. The Committee had mixed opinions about this project feeling that it appears to be deferred maintenance and the work is already happening so why should we fund it. Others felt it had similar merit as the other projects the Committee recommended.

Three of the applications had buildings worthy of funding, but they will require additional discussion into 2016 in order to fully develop the scope of the projects.

- **77 S. View Street:** Applicant is proposing multiple projects but only submitted estimates for siding and trim restoration, gutter replacement, and painting. The Committee thought that rehabilitating the house would make a major impact to the streetscape, and that making it a Landmark would ensure its continued preservation. However, there are many projects that the building needs and different issues could be more pressing. The Committee recommends that staff continue discussion with the owners on the scope of work to consider funding for early next year.
- **427 W. New York Street:** The applicant is asking for funding for painting the carriage house and for a fence. The Committee determined that the building is definitely worthy but there are other projects that could be more beneficial. Recommendations are for staff to continue discussion with the owner on a vision for the property.
- **718 Palace Street:** The applicant is seeking funding for new gutters. The Committee did not believe that gutter replacement was a grant worthy project but felt that they would support funding to restore the historic integrity of the façade, which has been altered over the years. Staff will discuss with the owner the idea of applying for a façade restoration grant next year.

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