

Hennepin County, Minnesota
Minutes
Heritage Preservation Commission

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Macpherson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Bolles, Chair Macpherson Finch, Caron, Salita, Brabec

Commissioners Absent: Reece

Also Present: City Planner Becker

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Salita moved, Bolles seconded, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 6/0.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) March 19, 2019

Commissioner Finch moved, Commissioner Bolles seconded, to approve the minutes for the March 19, 2019 meeting as amended. Motion carried 6/0.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) 420 Second Street – Phillips Garage Sign (HPC No. 18-21)

Becker presented the report. Caron feels that there should have been some improvement in the professional quality of the signage. Macpherson agreed that it should look more professional, but we cannot comment on fonts unless they are overly ornate. Bolles suggested that we continue the item to the next meeting to allow the applicant to be present.

Motion by Salita, seconded by Bolles, to provide a statement to the Applicant Tim Brandow to express that the Commission was disappointed by the quality of the signage and that we would like an explanation as to how the sign was erected. Motion carried 6/0.

b) Yumi's Outdoor Café Conditional Use Permit

There was discussion regarding previous outdoor sidewalk café permits. The Commission had not previously reviewed outdoor sidewalk café permits. The Commission would like to see the dimensions between bollards, barrier locations, how the furniture looks, dimensioned setbacks, umbrellas, etc.

Motion by Finch to request the specifics the Design Guidelines (SE3 and SE12) call for and continue to a special meeting, seconded by Bolles. Motion carried 6/0.

c) 37 Water Street – Lakes Area Realty Sign (HPC No. 19-10)

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Becker presented the report. Applicant requested to amend the Site Alteration Permit request to remove the phone numbers and only include the business logo and also repaint the door next to Lick's the same color as it is now. He explained that the wrought iron trim on second street has already been removed. He is looking for direction on the cut signage.

Finch moved to approve the vinyl signage as amended, removal of the pilasters with the masonry repaired, and repainting of the door on 33 Water Street with the stipulation that the pink door be painted with the historic paint color as approved administratively. Caron seconded. Motion carried 6/0.

The Commission would like to see more specifics on the wall signs such as specifics on the material, size, and the hanging sign cannot be above the roofline. The signage must be scaled to the pedestrian.

The applicant asked about the benches outside and questioned if they are the City's. The Commission said that they belonged to the City and must remain the same.

d) 193 Second Street – HVAC (HPC No. 19-9)

The applicant explained that there will be nothing changed on the outside of the house. He explained that the air conditioner would not be visible from the street. They chose to put it on the side of the house and not the back so that it is not visible when walking down the street.

Motion by Brabec, seconded by Caron to approve. Motion carried 5/0 with Commissioner Salita abstaining.

e) Community for the Commons Plaques

Salita asked that "Historic Excelsior" be included on the sign. There was concern regarding the stakes and causing a tripping hazard. There was discussion regarding placing the signs on a rock as opposed to on a stake.

The Commission first discussed the trees. The Commission was fine with the Ironwood tree proposed. They were fine with the picnic table option. They would rather see one plaque per garden and should mimic the approved tree and bench plaques in font, style and color (bronze). The material can be different but should last for the lifetime of the sign. These should be part of a Comprehensive Sign Plan for The Commons. The Commission asked that the signs say "Historic Excelsior." They were fine with the size, font, etc. Caron moved to approve Item 1 – New tree adoption and Item 2 – New picnic table adoption and that C4C work with Commissioner Finch regarding Items 3 – Adopt a Garden "test signage" and Item 4 – Standard plaque design regarding concerns regarding size, tripping hazard, font, etc. Motion seconded by Bolles. Motion carried 6/0.

f) Commons Review Policy

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Motion by Finch to move the Commons Review Policy forward to Parks and Rec and Planning Commission. Caron and Becker to work on a memo explaining the purpose of the policy. Motion seconded by Bolles. Motion carried 5/0 with Salita recusing himself.

g) Blue Line Ticket Booth Review Policy

Motion by Finch to approve the Blue Line Ticket Booth Review Policy to circulate to the Parks and Recreation and Planning Commission along with the Commons Review Policy. Motion carried 5/0 with Salita abstaining.

h) Sign Review Policy

Motion by Salita, seconded by Caron, to approve the Sign Review Policy HP-02R. Motion carried 6/0.

i) Minnesota Historical and Cultural Grant

Becker explained that Hess Roise was the only respondent to the Request for Qualifications. There was a request for Hess Roise to complete the study sooner in order to be able to apply for the larger grant, which has a deadline of September 13, 2019. Motion by Caron to recommend the hiring of Hess Roise and asking that staff inquire about moving up the deadline of completion of the project so that the deadline for the grant application may be made. Motion seconded by Finch. Motion carried 6/0. Finch stated that the Commission should be willing to have special meetings in order to meet a sooner deadline.

j) Proposed Local Designation of 243 Third Street

Caron asked that this item be included on the agenda. Finch explained that he requested that this item be brought to the Commission. There was discussion regarding the requirements for designating a property as a landmark. There was question if the home does in fact meet the required criteria and if the applicant should be asked to reapply.

Caron suggested that as an item at a work session that we look at before and after photos of the property and make a conclusion as to whether or not we suggest that the applicant reapply. This will be May 6 at 7:45 a.m.

5. COMMUNICATIONS and REPORTS

Communications and reports were provided.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Heritage Preservation Commission then discussed the Code Enforcement List.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Brabec, seconded by Bolles to adjourn at 9:39 p.m. Motion carried 6/0.

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Respectfully submitted,

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