

City of Excelsior
Hennepin County, Minnesota

Minutes
Heritage Preservation Commission

Tuesday, August 16, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Macpherson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Anderson, Brabec, Caron, Chair Macpherson, and Salita

Commissioners Absent: Finch

Also Present: City Planner Smith and Planning Consultant Richards

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Brabec moved, Commissioner Salita seconded, to approve agenda. Motion carried 5/0.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) None

4. CITIZEN REPORTS or COMMENTS

a) None

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Committee for the Commons – Presentation
Eric Snyder, 25 Center Street, addressed the Commission. Starting Phase II, determining a vision for the Commons. Will send out a survey and have focus groups. Also a couple public sessions. Focus groups start in September/October.
- b) Site Alteration Permit – Minnesota Street Car Museum (HPC No. 16-15)
City Planner Smith presented the staff report. Todd Bender, Minnesota Streetcar Museum, addressed the Commission. Salita asked about posting the schedule on the ticket booth. Mr. Bender said the Historical Society did not want additional information tacked on the building. Commissioner Brabec moved, Commissioner Caron seconded, to approve the SAP for the informational board with the color being Sand or Weathered. Motion carried 5/0.
- c) Site Alteration Permit – 350 Second Street (HPC No. 16-17)
Smith presented the staff report. Brabec asked the Commission about smooth or wood-grained siding. Macpherson believed a smooth siding is preferred. Commission recommended an aluminum-clad window. Commissioner Caron

moved, Commissioner Salita seconded, to approve the SAP, with the window being aluminum-clad and smooth siding, the entire building be painted a historic color. Motion carried 5/0.

- d) Landmark Designation Request – 320 Oak Street (HPC No. 16-19)
Smith presented the staff report. Caron motioned, Salita seconded to continue the item until the September HPC meeting to allow the Commission more time to research the building. Motion carried 5/0.
- e) Sketch Plan – 429 Second Street (HPC No. 16-16)
Smith presented the staff report. Mark Williams addressed the Commission. Caron stated that the middle section would have historic significance because it most likely was around during the period of significance when Elmer Bardwell lived in the building. Salita suggested keeping the middle portion might save money and would preserve the building as it appeared during its period of significance, but the very rear addition would be possible to be removed.
- f) Site Alteration Permit – 289 Water Street (HPC No. 16-18)
Planning Consultant Richards presented the staff report. Salita asked about underground parking. Anderson asked about the community wanting buildings to look old. Burdick is a looking for a reduction in the parking requirements.

Brian Burdick, Burdick Properties, addressed the Commission. Brabec questioned if the building looks too much like the historic buildings in downtown. Macpherson questioned if the applicant's architects could explore a more modern looking building. Brabec is suggesting starting a new period of significance for Excelsior. Macpherson suggested smooth stone would be a possible building material. Commission was not favorable of the rounded windows. Caron motioned, Salita seconded, to continue the item until the September HPC meeting. Motion carried 5/0.

- g) HPC Review of Alterations in the Commons
Smith presented the staff memo. Macpherson listed a number of recommended changes. Macpherson will send out changes to Caron and Smith, and Smith will organize a meeting between the HPC and the Park & Rec Commission.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) None

7. COMMUNICATIONS and REPORT

- a) Excelsior History Festival – The HPC supports the Festival, but does not believe it is responsible for organizing any part of the Historic Festival.

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- b) Next City Council Meeting –September 6, 2016
- c) Next HPC Meeting – Tuesday, September 20, 2016
- d) Administrative SAP Approvals - None
- e) Recent City Council Actions - Smith informed the Commission of recent City Council actions.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Keynote Speaker from MN State Historic Preservation Conference
- b) Structures of Merit
- c) Report from staff regarding the list of properties on local register that have been recorded
- d) Conservation Districts
- e) Start comprehensive catalog of historic SF homes
- f) Murals

9. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Caron moved, Commissioner Brabec seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m. Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Smith
City Planner