

City of Excelsior
Hennepin County, Minnesota

Minutes
Heritage Preservation Commission Work Session

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Salita called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Bolles, Brattland, Caron, Noll, O’Hanlon, Salita,

Commissioners Absent: Tyler

Also Present: City Attorney/Assistant City Manager Staunton

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Caron moved to approve the agenda. Bolles seconded. Motion passed 6/0.

3. DISCUSSION OF SIGNAGE – EXCELSIOR COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT – Staff introduced the topic and Commissioner Caron summarized the efforts that the subcommittee has been engaging in to try to fashion a recommendation regarding the signage for the newly designated Excelsior Commercial Historic District. Discussion ensued regarding the need to take into account color, uni-directional vs. bi-directional, and posts for the signs. There was general agreement that separate posts for the signage should be explored and that there should be separate posts for the historic district, that those posts should be black in color and should host only the historic signage (plus, perhaps, stop signs), and that the signage should be brown for the historic district and blue for non-historic district. The plan is for the subcommittee to follow up with staff to discuss the costs and any logistical issues with following this approach.

4. DISCUSSION OF FORMULATION OF LIST OF MAJOR TOPICS – There was a general discussion of the following areas as being a priority for attention:

- Improving communication of the City’s Heritage Preservation requirements and opportunities through a better website presence
- Updating the Ordinance
- Updating the Design Manual
- Addressing Demolition by Neglect
- Planning for Heritage Preservation Month in May 2023
- Recognition of people and projects that provide good examples of preservation efforts

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- Identifying potentially significant resources and reaching out to owners to help them recognize opportunities.

The Commission discussed schedule for work sessions and decided to hold the next work session on July 26.

5. ADJOURNMENT – Caron moved to adjourn. Bolles seconded. Motion passed 6/0.

The meeting was concluded at 6:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Staunton
City Attorney/Assistant City Manager