

ACC Meeting Report, April 11, 2022

**Agenda Items relating to the historic district but no HPC authority:**

- 1) **Sculpture at #3 & 3rd.** The expected May delivery and installation of the eagle sculpture by John Sterner has been delayed. The plaque has been ordered which reflects the specifications in the SEMAC grant application to feature the city's land acknowledgement statement.
- 2) **Arts Corridor Banners.** No update on progress of artist.
- 3) **Reorganization.** The ACC is focusing on planning for next year using a modified structure and process to reflect the reduction in number of members and concurrent modification of the working committees tasks.

**Agenda Items relating to the historic district involving the HPC.**

- 1) **Mural Policy.** Staff has been working on the Mural Policy which formerly allowed murals on non-contributing buildings in the Historic District. The scope of current version has been narrowed somewhat so that the current draft policy will only cover murals intended on privately owned buildings in commercial districts that are NOT in the historic overlay. Reference to murals will be made in the LDC and there will be a permit, similar to how sign permits are issued. The PARC process currently remains the same. The mural policy is still being revised.
- 2) **EDA Riverfront Enhancement Grant Program.** The new EDA program can pay for a variety of exterior building façade improvements as well as aesthetic improvements such as murals, landscaping and decorative lighting. Applications are open until May 15th. The guidelines indicate that some projects would require prior approval from the ACC using the current PARC process (includes an HPC member if adjacent to Historic district) or the HPC.

Transportation Advisory Committee

**Items that could involve Locally Designated Preservation Site (the depot).**

**1) Passenger Rail**

No update. As reported previously, the bill to authorize funds for the study and planning for the passenger rail line that would include Northfield apparently will not get a hearing this session. The state Transportation chair, however, intends to have a hearing in Northfield sometime this fall to start building support for the next session.

**2) Transit Hub.** Now that the 1888 Depot has been designated a local Heritage Preservation Site, the HPC will be involved in the review of the City plans for the Transit Hub which will be adjacent to the Depot. Bids were expected to go out last year for construction in Summer 2022. The City has indicated that process has been postponed for a year.