



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Heritage Preservation Commission

Thursday, September 6, 2018

4:30 PM

Council Chambers

Also present: City Planner Scott Tempel, Comm. Dev. Specialist Mikayla Schmidt, Youth Representative Logan Ledman, Elizabeth Spaulding, and Joan Spaulding.

Present: 6 - Barbara Evans, Dan O'Leary, Alice Thomas, Stephen Mohring, Clifford Clark and Randy Lutz

Absent: 1 - Jason Menard

I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

Evans called the meeting to order at 4:33pm.

A motion was made by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Mohring, to approve the agenda as amended to include the discussion of signage for 310 Division St. S. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Board Member Evans, Board Member O'Leary, Board Member Thomas, Board Member Mohring, Board Member Clark and Board Member Lutz

Evans invited E. Spaulding to speak on her proposed signage for 310 Division St. S.

E. Spaulding, owner of Minnesota Soulstice, is proposing to paint the door and 3 panels above her entrance at 310 Division St. S. a shade of red. E. Spaulding had a couple samples to show the HPC and they recommended the darkest of the reds. Tempel stated the HPC does not issue a certificate of appropriateness for painting buildings.

J. Spaulding noted the need for E. Spaulding to make a statement with color to help her business stand out and denote that a new business is open.

Clark requested a larger color swatch and a formal sign proposal to show the HPC.

Mohring stated his appreciation of a new downtown business and making it's mark, but would also like to think holistically.

II. Approval of Minutes

1. [18-430](#) August 2, 2018 HPC Minutes

Attachments: [8-2-18 HPC Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Board Member Lutz, seconded by Board Member Clark, to approve the 8-2-2018 HPC meeting minutes. The motion carried by the

following vote:

Yes: 6 - Board Member Evans, Board Member O'Leary, Board Member Thomas, Board Member Mohring, Board Member Clark and Board Member Lutz

III. Unfinished Business

IV. New Business Items

2. [BC 18-001](#) Review of Grand Event Center Portico reconstruction

Attachments: [Survey Form](#)

[Ware Auditorium Image](#)

Tempel reviewed the application submitted for The Grand Event Center with the request to recreate and build a portico at the entrance. Chuck Pryor, owner of The Grand, will need an agreement with City Council to build, meet ADA compliance, and two footings will be placed in the sidewalk.

Lutz noted concern about setting precedence for projections into the City right-of-way and felt it would be an excellent addition.

Evans was concerned about the door and windows, and thought it would be a nice addition.

Clark likes the project, and would not completely agree this sets a precedence because the historical feature was on this building prior to right-of-way regulation.

Mohring noted his concern on precedence and the potential for building code to change the historical style of the portico.

A motion was made by Board Member Thomas, seconded by Board Member Mohring, to approve support of the Grand Event Center portico project to City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Board Member Evans, Board Member Thomas, Board Member Mohring, Board Member Clark and Board Member Lutz

Abstained: 1 - Board Member O'Leary

V. Reports and Discussion Items

Youth Rep. Ledman stated the play "1855 - A Celebration of Faribault" will be running on Sept. 21, 22, 28 and 30 at the Paradise Center for the Arts.

Evans noted giving a historical tour on the 18th.

Clark exited the meeting at 5:21pm.

Tempel stated he and Lutz met with folks from the Reunion to discuss the exterior paint colors. The owners decided to use a green shade closer to the Historical Society's green. Tempel noted SHIPO is maintaining the need to keep the original doorway on Division. The owners may use it as an emergency exit door.

- a) Commissioner Comments and Reports
- b) Staff Updates and Reports
- c) Comments from the Chair

VI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Board Member Mohring, seconded by Board Member O'Leary, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Board Member Evans, Board Member O'Leary, Board Member Thomas, Board Member Mohring and Board Member Lutz

Not Present: 1 - Board Member Clark