

HPC
Monday, July 25, 2011

Commission Members:

Linda Mann-Chair	Melody Gibson
Mary Flicek	Al Wharton
Ron Prescher	Bruce Wildes
(1) Vacancy	

City Representatives:

Molly Patterson-Lundgren, City Planner
Phil Rosendale, Zoning Administrator

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The regular meeting of the Heritage Preservation Commission was held on Monday, July 25, 2011 at City Hall and was called to order at 9:02 am by Mary Flicek.

Roll found members all members present

Molly introduced new Planning Dept. volunteer intern Duane Willie and he provided some background information.

Changes/Additions – Molly requested the following additions to Other Business

1. SHPO Conference
2. Fisk Sign

Members Wharton and Gibson moved to approve the June 27, 2011 meeting minutes as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Announcements - None

Design Review – 156-162 Pembroke Ave – Awning Extension

The applicant is proposing to extend the eaves on the front of the buildings by 24-30 inches toward Pembroke Ave. so that snow and rain will drain into the gutter instead of on the sidewalk.

Commissioners were provided with a copy of the application and staff report, no illustration of proposed project was provided with the application. The applicant was not present.

Commissioners discussed the proposed project and application and felt that because there were no drawings, no proposed colors or materials list, the application was not complete.

After all discussion commissioners Wharton and Flicek offered the following motion and moved for its approval. Adopted unanimously.

WHEREAS, Richard Schurhammer is the property owner of the buildings located at 156 Pembroke Avenue and has applied for design review approval to extend the eave of the permanent awning to promote the drainage of snow & rain away from the public sidewalk; and

WHEREAS, this property is located in the designated historic district where design review of any modifications that change the appearance to the exterior of the building are required in Section 315 of City Code; and

WHEREAS, The Wabasha Heritage Preservation Commission provides the following findings relating to the proposals conformance to the historic district standards

1. Information provided in the application did not include proposed materials or their colors and therefore the Commission has not been provided assurance that compatibility of material and color requirements of the Design Guidelines would be met;
2. The proposed new roof element will draw attention to a building feature (the permanent awning) that is not compatible with the historic district and does not meet the historic design standards
3. The level of detail on final appearance of the project has not been provided and therefore the commission has not been provided assurance by the applicant that the project

- a. will not detract from the experience of the historic district
 - b. will enhance (or protect existing) visual and aesthetic character, diversity and interest of the City of Wabasha
 - c. will foster rather than discourage civic pride in the beauty and notable accomplishments of the past
 - d. will not have an impact on the preservation of historic landmarks and districts for the educational and general welfare of the people of the City
4. The proposed project would encroach on the adjacent street lamp and obstruct the banners used to promote history of the community

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, the Heritage Preservation Commission denies the application for design review submitted on June 30th 2011. The HPC further recommends project approval from the Wabasha County Highway Department prior to submittal of a new Design Review application.

After further discussion the HPC also recommends the applicant consider removing the awning as an option, however Molly stated that she had spoken with Mr. Schurhammer and he had stated that he had no interest in remodeling the buildings.

The MN Homefront exhibit was discussed. Molly is requesting approval from the commission for an A-Frame or Banner sign to display when the exhibit is open. After all discussion Commissioners Gibson and Wildes moved to approve an A-Frame or Banner sign for the MN Homefront exhibit. Adopted unanimously.

Molly stated that Bill Jewson had donated the use of his building on Main Street and that Busch Auto had donated the use of a van to transport the exhibit.

Mary Flicek stated that she would like to host a morning coffee for veteran volunteers. It was decided to put an ad in the paper with an invitation to the morning coffee to be held on August 4th.

Molly updated commission members on the Street Clock. She stated that the Mayor had talked with Mr. Doffing and that he would like to keep the clock in the current proposed position under the bridge. Bruce stated that a possible location would be to moved the current kiosk and put the clock where the kiosk is currently located under the bridge.

Molly updated commission members on the Anderson House. She stated that there is currently a bid by the Rebound Corporation and they are working on financing.

(Commissioner Wildes left at 10:15)

Molly provided commissioners with information on the SHPO conference.

Molly brought forward for discussion a request from Dave Fisk. Mr. Fisk would like to put a For Sale banner sign on his downtown building balcony. The ordinance has a description for yard signs created for realtor for sale signs – but the proposed banner sign does not meet the criteria. It does not meet the temporary sign criteria either. It was decided that Mr. Fisk will need to submit an application and that a subcommittee can be formed to approve the application with staff.

Commissioners Flicek and Wharton moved to establish a subcommittee to approve a Design Review for a banner sign for Dave Fisk. The subcommittee will include Melody Gibson and Molly. Adopted unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 22, 2011 at 9am.

Commissioners Wharton and Gibson moved to adjourn at 10:28 am. Adopted unanimously.

Patty Heraty, Administrative Assistant