

HPC

Monday January 26, 2015

Commission Members:

Emily Durand -Chair	Linda Mann -Vice Chair
Mary Flicek	Kelly Linton
Ron Prescher	Bruce Wildes
Jay Jewson	

City Representatives:

Kristi Clark, Planner
Wendy Busch, Planning Assistant

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The regular meeting of the Heritage Preservation Commission was held on Monday January 26, 2015 at Wabasha City Hall and called to order at 9:03 am by Chair Durand.

Roll found all commissioners present.

Changes or Additions to Agenda- Commissioner Flicek would like to Add to New Business 7 b) Elections of officers and add to Old Business 6 e) Episcopal Church. Staff would like to move item 7 a) Regional Event Center Update by Carolynn Klees to the top of the agenda. Kristi would like to add to New Business 7 c) Steering Committee Members for the Comprehensive Plan.

No minutes were available for review at this month's meeting and staff will provide them at the February meeting.

New Business-

A) Regional Event Center- Update by Carolynn Klees & Bill Jewson

Carolynn and Bill presented the REC update and overview of what the intent and purpose of the site and structure will take within the community. New home for the Chamber of Commerce/CVB, small group conventions, Receptions/Weddings, Holiday events, craft and trade shows as well as a set of restrooms for the downtown area that would be open during the day for the public to use. They provided large handouts to view with site drawings, building layouts and parking. They have hired a grant writer and they have met with State Official regarding Bonding. They spoke of the amount of attraction Grandpa's Barn has brought to the community in the past few years and what an updated facility could offer. The commission asked questions concerning; funding, taxes within the community, location, cost back to the citizens of Wabasha, alley way and parking. Carolynn asked the commission to consider a motion of support to help indorse this project. The commission moved on and will discuss later on in the meeting.

Riverfront Task Force update – No update

Design Review – 134 Main Street West – none

Possible design review/request – Wabasha Farmers Market Signage: Technical Assistance

Brian Fries tipped Chair Durand off with the possibility of new signage coming forward from the Farmers Market. Staff also indicated that they had been in and they are looking at a new location on Alleghany Ave outside of Hills Hardware. They have support from the Police Department for using the street and from Hills and the Rover Mattress as long as delivery trucks can get in and out. They are getting grant money for the signage and they have a new look. They also are looking to do a weekday and a Saturday morning market. They will be bringing the information before the opening. Chair Durand would like to have a standing technical assistance committee to help them through the process to get them ready submittal. Commissioners Jewson and Flicek made a motion to form a subcommittee comprised of commissioners Mann and Durand for technical assistance to the applicant prior to a design review application. Adopted unanimously.

Old Business

A) Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation "Picture It Painted" Grant update

No update-Staff to reach out again to Craig and see if he's interested.

B) Proud Antiques

– Staff updated that Mike Meyers contacted staff and provided the size of the proposed signage. Staff gave Mr. Meyers the go ahead to move forward as the commission already approved the overall design.

C) AASLH Grant Submission by Flicek and Staff -

D) PAM – Heart Bomb

Continuing to stay with Wednesday the 11th of February to place the hearts up in the historic district after work.

- E) Episcopal Church** Commissioner Flicek found documentation online referencing the Episcopal Church “the church is the most distinguished ecclesiastical structure in the City and the work of prominent Minnesota architect Case Gilbert, best known for his work at the State Capital.” It was a national effort to put buildings like this on the historic registry. Commissioner Flicek will look further into microfiche to see if any related documents fall within the time frame.

Commissioner Mann indicated that she had made multiple attempts at contacting Mrs. Stiever but has had no luck.

New Business-

- B) Election of officers-** Chair Durand called to the floor for nominations. Commissioners Mann and Flicek nominated Emily Durand as Chair and Jay Jewson as Vice Chair; both accepted the nominations and were approved unanimously.
- C) Members to the Steering Committee for the Comprehensive Plan –** Kristi asked the commission if any members would be interested in being a part of the Steering Committee for the Comprehensive Plan either as an acting member for 3 meetings or by email notification. Commissioner Jewson accepted the acting member and Commissioner Flicek would like to be on the email notification list.
- A) Regional Event Center- Update by Carolynn Klees-** The commission continued to discuss the Regional Event Center. After much discussion Commissioner Jewson made a motion to endorse the project and was seconded by Commissioner Mann.
Ayes – Jewson, Mann, Linton
Nyes – Wildes, Prescher, Flicek
Abstain – Durand
The motion failed with lack of a quorum
The commission felt that they needed more time to study the project before they could endorse it.
Commissioner Flicek made a motion to table the endorsement to allow the commission time to research this project and come back in 30 days and revisit the request for endorsement. Seconded by Prescher.
Ayes – Flicek, Prescher, Wildes, Linton, Mann, Durand
Nyes – Jewson

Other Business –

- A.)** Pieces of the past – none

Announcements – Commissioner Linton spoke regarding Rotary and the potential of Erin Dorbin from PAM to be a guest speaking and what time frame would best be suited. Chair Durand will reach out to Erin Dorbin to see if she would be available for an upcoming Rotary meeting and will get back with Commissioner Linton.
Commissioner Flicek asked if the commission was considering grants for the 2015 year.
Durand feels that the main street trainings shouldn't be missed and they provide great value with a manageable location and fee.

Review of Action Items:

- Emily to make valentines and drop off a letter for Java Jan
- commission to research into the Regional Event Center
- Mary will continue with Episcopal Church research
- Wendy add Training and Grants to next month's agenda

The next regular meeting of the HPC is scheduled for Monday February 25, 2015 at 9am at Wabasha City Hall.
Having no other business Commissioners Jewson and Wildes moved to adjourn at 10:45 am. Adopted unanimously.

Wendy Busch, Planning Assistant

Adopted