

**HPC**  
**Monday February 23, 2015**

**Commission Members:**

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

**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 February 23, 2015 at Wabasha City Hall and called to order at 9:07 am by Chair Durand.

Roll found commissioners Durand, Jewson, Flicek, Linton and Wildes present. Commissioner Mann later joined the meeting and Commissioner Prescher was absent.

**Changes or Additions to Agenda-** Commissioner Flicek would like to Add to Old Business 6 e) Proud Antiques design review and to Old Business 6 f) Steering Committee Members for the Comprehensive Plan.

**Approval of Minutes-** Commissioners Jewson and Wildes made a motion to approve the 11/3/14, 12/22/14 and from 1/26/15 with the addition of the image of the Proud's signage proposed for the 11/3/14. Adopted unanimously.

**Design Review – none**

**Possible design review/request –** Flour Mill Pizza changing to Birdbrain Antiques. The Yenters have expressed an interest in opening up around March with the Birdbrain Antiques. Chair Durand will stop in and visit with the Yenters to see if the HPC can be of any assistance.

**Old Business**

**A) Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation “Picture It Painted” Grant update**

Staff contacted Craig Hough and is not interested in the project. Discussion of the project idea to Ed McBride at the Chamber to see if he could find funding and participants to complete the project.

**B) PAM – Heart Bomb Update** Commissioners Jewson and Durand and their families put hearts up all around the downtown area. This being the first year doing a heart bombing in Wabasha and looking to future heart bombings. Hoping to get more organized for next year's event and involving the schools.

**C) Wabasha Farmers Market Signage: Technical Assistance-update** Chair Durand has a meeting scheduled with Sarah from the Farmers Market and Brian Fries the end of this week.

**D) Regional Event Center** The Commission had suggested in the last meeting that they were going to look further into this project and would come back to this month's meeting and decide whether or not to endorse the project.

Commissioner Jewson made a motion to endorse the Regional Event Center project. The commission went on to discuss.

Kristi will add to the agenda for March to discuss the parking in the TDC and the HPC position on the issue that has been brought up during the public hearing for the Regional Event Center. Policy direction from the group.

After much discussion, Commission Jewson made a motion again to endorse the Regional Event Center, Seconded by Commission Mann.

Ayes: Jewson, Mann, Linton

Nyes: Wildes

Abstain: Durand, Flicek

The motion passes by majority.

Chair Durand feels it's important how we craft that position in which the commission supports the REC. Kristi will help develop language from the discussion of the commission and have it project that the Heritage Preservation Commission endorses the Regional Event Center as a positive project to continue the vitality of

the downtown area. She will forward something to the commission to review before sending it to Carolynn and Bill.

- E) Proud Antiques Submission Review** Commissioner Flicek expressed concerns with the review. Chair Durand indicated that it was actually an application that went before a quorum with a special meeting in November. The commission felt that giving the applicants time frame and the availability of the painter to do the work, that coordinating a special meeting was the best option. Since then, Staff has offered the commission with changes to the Deadline for Submission that the commission approved to protect the commission from another situation as the Proud's.
- F) Comp Plan Steering Committee** – No update. The group is meeting on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8pm and an update will be provided at next month's meeting.

**New Business-**

**A) Training and Grants**

Main Street training available in Atlanta in March that Staff had forwarded out to Chair Durand, but it was very limited timing to respond to the grant. Also, the grant only covered the registration and it was unknown if the budget could support travel and lodging expenses. Staff will investigate if prior notifications were received.

Ed McBride will be a helping hand to the commission for grant writing. Chair Durand had a discussion with McBride and encouraged him in reading the Finchy report as he wasn't aware of.

**Other Business –**

- A.) Pieces of the past** – Commissioner Flicek provided more information regarding the Grace Episcopal at the library on microfilm. She collected written histories from Grace Episcopal and St Felix and was excited to continue looking for documentation for our files. She also found some reference to Cass Gilbert.

-Commissioner Jewson wanted to comment on the Facebook page 'Wabasha Past and Present" and the pictures that have been posted. Speaking from the downtown history and being able to view photos from the past that show the changes and development is fantastic.

**Announcements –**

**Review of Action Items:**

Kristi to help formulate the endorsement to the Regional Event Center as well as providing parking context for next meeting.

Emily will stop by Yenters and discuss the timeline for their potential signage change.

The next regular meeting of the HPC is scheduled for Monday March 23, 2015 at 9am at Wabasha City Hall.

Having no other business Commissioners Linton and Jewson moved to adjourn at 10:40 am. Adopted unanimously.

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Wendy Busch, Planning Assistant

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Adopted