

HPC

Monday August 24, 2015

Commission Members:

Emily Durand -Chair
Mary Flicek
Ron Prescher
Linda Mann

Jay Jewson -Vice Chair
Kelly Linton
Bruce Wildes

City Representatives:

Wendy Busch, Planning Assistant

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The regular meeting of the Heritage Preservation Commission was held on Monday August 24, 2015 at Wabasha City Hall and called to order at 9:04 am by Chair Durand.

Roll found commissioners Durand, Wildes, Linton and Mann present. Commissioners Prescher, Flicek and Jewson were absent.

Changes or Additions to Agenda- Commissioner Mann would like to add Los Portales building/Mrs. Stiever to Old Business 6 e.

Approval of Minutes- Commissioners Wildes and Mann made a motion to approve the minutes from July 27, 2015 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Design Review –

- A) 134 Main Street NEC Annex – Scrap off peeling paint and repaint with existing color, Removal of Treasure Chest sign on rear of the building and construct 6 foot enclosure for storage of pea gravel.**
Bryan Hall will be removing the chipping paint from the front façade which was under the Treasure Chest sign and repainting the same color as the building. Mr. Hall also reached out to staff after packets had been sent out to the commission to ask if he could remove the Treasure Chest sign on the rear of the building along Big Jo Alley as well as construct a 6 foot high fence enclosure just to the right of the rear door for the purpose of storing pea gravel for the Eagles.

Having no concerns with the proposed design review Commissioners Mann and Linton made a motion to approve the maintenance and repainting of the front façade, the Treasure Chest sign removal and construction of a 6 foot high fenced enclosure for storage of pea gravel to the right of the door in the rear of the NEC Annex as presented in the application dated 7/21/15 with the following conditions:

1. A subcommittee of Chair Durand to assist the applicant with any questions or concerns.

Adopted unanimously.

Possible Design review/request-

- A) Signage within the district (Thrift, Los Portales)-update**
Chair Durand indicated that Thrift is gone and the sign is no longer hanging. The building appears to be for sale again. Chair Durand also tried to stop in to Los Portales a couple of times, but they were busy with customers. She will try to visit them again.
- B) Pembroke Bakery – property has sold no update**

Old Business

- A) Comp Plan Steering Committee Update –**
Staff provided the minutes from the last meeting which took place July 29. Future plans for the Comp Plan is scheduling and open house and comment period for the draft plan as well as a public hear. Kristi plans to meet with Department heads, boards and commissions to focus on your specific areas.
- B) Annual Statewide Conference 9/17-9/18 Little Falls – Notification of Grant Approval**
Staff received an email notification of the Grant approval for two scholarships for the fall conference. Staff and Commissioner Mann will be attending and have registered with the conference for September.
- C) Finchy Building – Foreclosure Auction**
Staff indicated the City Administrator Springer was contacted by David Williams, who was occupying the Book Cliffs, and that he is interested in the Finchy building. We look for more in the very near future in working with Mr. Williams.
- D) River Front Task Force/REC-** no update at this time. Port Authority meets 8/25. Look for an update at September's meeting.

E) Los Portales Building/contact with Mrs. Stiever

Commissioner Mann passed out pictures of the windows in the upstairs of the Los Portales building. The windows are broke and in need of repair. Commissioner Mann sent a personal letter to Mrs. Stiever and included the pictures of the windows and she responded to Commissioner Mann with a high level of interest to get the windows repaired at a minimal expense. Chair Durand indicated that she could speak with John Behrns of JB Development as she is also dealing with window repair and that she could get a quote or ask if John would reach out to Mrs. Stiever to offer assistance.

New Business- None

Other Business (Pieces of the past)- None

Announcements –

Commissioner Mann provided a one page insert to the Winona Daily news that Dave Fisk had published for highlighting Fisk properties (Aquila Solar, 7 Fires Grill, Fernbook Family Center, Extended Stay Suites, etc.) Wabasha County Entrepreneurship Workshop will be offered Friday November 6th at the National Eagle Center. The event is sponsored by Port Authority of the City of Wabasha and Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation.

Chair Durand spoke with Rolf from the NEC regarding the current signage front façade update of the old Treasure Chest, Chair Durand also was taken on a tour of the NEC Annex. The building has a tile floor, restrooms, a dry basement and a beautiful tin ceiling. They have built little sheds/condos inside for the Eagles. The NEC is constantly turning down more birds because they do not have the space. Eagle care and dwelling is the number one need currently and the reason behind the Treasure Chest transformation.

Prairie Island community has an interest in our community and the Eagle Center, our Main Street and the Waterfront. Recently their entire council met with Rolf of the NEC.

Rolf indicated to Chair Durand that plans are currently confidential but it may or may not include a Main Street component. They will continue to work with LHB which was the architect that built the NEC and who also did the visioning of Big Jo Alley. Rolf will be meeting with the Wabasha Port Authority tomorrow, Tuesday August 25th.

Commissioner Linton made a comment regarding downtowns that provide pictures of each building within the downtown and a brief history of each and the potential of Wabasha doing something like this.

The next regular meeting of the HPC is scheduled for Monday September 28, 2015 at 9 am at Wabasha City Hall.

Having no other business Commissioners Mann and Linton moved to adjourn at 10:00 am. Adopted unanimously.

Wendy Busch, Planning Assistant

Adopted