

Heritage Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 25, 2019

1. Call to Order

Schiffer called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. in the First Floor Public Meeting Room, City Hall, 208 NW First Avenue, Faribault, Minnesota.

Members Present: Julie Schiffer, Ron Dwyer, Lee Nordmeyer and Karl Vohs

Members Absent: Lyn Rein

Staff Present: Kim Clausen, Community Development Coordinator;

Others Present: Wes Remyey, Citizen; Ari Kolas, Hamilton Real Estate; Abdullahi Hussein, Property Owner; Jenaro Paz, HVAC Contractor

2. Minutes

A. None

3. General Heritage Preservation Items

A. Citizen Comment Period – Remyey asked about the status of the Commercial District National Register expansion. Staff stated that the completed application has been submitted to SHPO and we are waiting for them to finish their review.

There was discussion on when the last downtown inspection sweep occurred as well as the upcoming downtown inspection sweep in 2019.

4. Design Reviews

A. New Construction – Division Street Apartment Complex

Ari Kolas presented the revised plans for the proposed Hillside Apartments on Division Street. They made changes to the color scheme, building entrance and roofline based on feedback from the HPC. The Commission liked the changes to the roofline and felt it helped to break the building up. Dwyer suggested looking at the porch of the Alexander Faribault House to see if any features of that porch could be incorporated into the design. Vohs noted the proposed fencing along Division Street looks very similar to the fencing that was removed from the historic Viaduct. Vohs would like to see that fencing reused here if possible.

A motion was made by Vohs and seconded by Dwyer to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the revised design, and requests the developer investigate the reuse of the historic Viaduct railings and incorporating some design features of the Alexander Faribault House porch into the design. The motion was passed unanimously.

B. Remodeling – 14 3rd St NW

Hussein described his plans to buildout a deli in his grocery store at 14 3rd St NW. They are required to install a kitchen vent hood. The proposed location is on the north side 10' from the stairs and 10' from the nearest operable window. The hole for the exhaust is 16" in diameter and the structure will project no more than 18" from the wall. One existing vent will be removed and another will be reused for makeup air. Dwyer asked if the aluminum could be painted to match the brick. Paz said it should be possible to paint the aluminum.

A motion was made to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for the project as proposed, provided that the aluminum be painted to match the surrounding brick, if allowed by code. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Items of Discussion

A. Project Updates

Clausen provided updates on various historic preservation projects.

B. Election of Officers

A motion was made by Dwyer and seconded by Vohs to nominate Rein as Chairperson and Schiffer as Vice Chairperson. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Adjourn

Schiffer declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kim Clausen
Community Development Coordinator



Lyn Rein, Chairperson