

**Heritage Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 18, 2019**

1. Call to Order

Rein called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. in the First Floor Public Meeting Room, City Hall, 208 NW First Avenue, Faribault, Minnesota.

Members Present: Lyn Rein, Ron Dwyer, Lee Nordmeyer and Karl Vohs

Members Absent: Julie Schiffer

Staff Present: Kim Clausen, Community Development Coordinator; David Wanberg, City Planner

Others Present: Wes Remme, Citizen;

2. Minutes

A. Minutes of February 12, 2019 Special Meeting

A motion was made by Dwyer and seconded by Nordmeyer to approve the February 12, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Minutes of February 25, 2019 Regular HPC Meeting

A motion was made by Dwyer and seconded by Nordmeyer to approve the February 25, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

3. General Heritage Preservation Items

A. Citizen Comment Period – Remme commented the Downtown Master Plan shows the Olof Hanson building at 14 3rd St NW torn down for greenspace. He also stated the City Council has talked about “right-sizing” the historic district, which in his opinion, is not good for preservation.

4. Design Reviews – None

5. Items of Discussion

A. Downtown Master Plan

Wanberg and Clausen requested input from the HPC on specific aspects of the Downtown Master Plan. The HPC agreed that the Faribault House should remain in its current site and were supportive of the development of open space/a plaza around the building. They are supportive of partially or totally relocating the Co-op complex in order to facilitate this.

The HPC could not come to a consensus on the development of the former Lockerby area south of the Viaduct. Dwyer thinks it should retain its historical industrial use. Nordmeyer is concerned about residential density in the area. Rein sees the area as recreational and has concerns about flooding. Vohs noted that higher residential densities help support the downtown.

The HPC strongly feels the Plan should discuss the parking committee’s recommendation of converting existing on-street parallel parking spaces in and around the downtown into angled parking, in order to get more parking without demolishing buildings. A motion was made by Vohs and seconded by Nordmeyer to make this recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Due to the late time, staff will bring back a specific list of additional decision points for the next meeting.

B. Faribault Furniture Company NR Nomination

Clausen stated the HPC will hold a public hearing at their April meeting in order to receive public comment on the proposed designation of the Faribault Furniture Company building to the National Register. The HPC is asked to formulate an opinion on the nomination, which should include at least one person who meets the Federal Standards for History. Rein stated she meets the Standards as a Qualified Historian. Rein and Dwyer stated they would work to formulate the opinion. No action is necessary, this is for information only.

C. Project Updates

Staff provided updates to various projects.

Vohs would like the City to review its process for addressing building conditions in the downtown because he feels the City Council bypassed the established process in their handling of the acquisition of 27 3rd St NW. Staff noted this could be incorporated as part of the update to the Comprehensive Plan. A motion was made by Vohs and seconded by Dwyer to request the City review the Preventive Maintenance Ordinance for downtown. The motion passed unanimously.

Vohs also stated he feels the downtown public parking lot signs should emphasize that they are FREE parking lots.

6. Adjourn

A motion was made by Vohs and seconded by Dwyer to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Kim Clausen
Community Development Coordinator


Lyn Rein, Chairperson