

Heritage Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 16, 2018

1. Call to Order

Nordmeyer called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. in the First Floor Public Meeting Room, City Hall, 208 NW First Avenue, Faribault, Minnesota.

Members Present: Lyn Rein, Lee Nordmeyer, Roni Deschamp, Julie Schiffer, Karl Vohs,

Members Absent: Peggy Keilen and Ron Dwyer

Staff Present: Kim Clausen, Community Development Coordinator

Others Present: Stacey Roufs and Gunnar Olson

2. Minutes

A. Regular HPC Meeting – March 19, 2018

A motion was made by Vohs and seconded by Schiffer to approve the March 19, 2018 regular meeting minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Special HPC Meeting – March 27, 2018

A motion was made by Vohs and seconded by Schiffer to approve the March 19, 2018 regular meeting minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

3. General Heritage Preservation Items

A. Citizen Comment Period

None

4. Design Reviews

A. Sign Permit – 318 Central Avenue

Stacey Roufs, owner of The Savvy Brush at 318 Central Avenue, Suite 102, presented her proposed projecting sign. The proposed 5.43 square foot wood sign meets the requirements of the Downtown Sign Ordinance. A motion was made by Rein and seconded by Vohs to approve the sign as proposed. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Sign Permit – 306 1st Ave NW

Staff presented the proposed sign for Knight Barry Title, at 306 1st Avenue NW. The proposed 18.64 square foot sign meets the requirements of the Downtown Sign Ordinance. A motion was made by Rein and seconded by Vohs to approve the sign as proposed. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Items of Discussion

A. Tax Credit Part A Submission

Staff proposed the HPC consider hiring Hoisington Preservation Consultants to complete Part I of the Historic Preservation Tax Credit Application for Johnston Hall. The purpose of this is to expedite the tax credit process if

a developer was identified for the building. The cost of the Part I would be \$2,500. Commissioners agreed this is a good way to help facilitate a redevelopment of the building.

A motion was made by Rein and seconded by Vohs to approve contracting with Hoisington Preservation Consultants for \$2,500 for completion of a Part I for Johnston Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Mural Policy

The HPC discussed the proposed changes to the Commercial Historic District Design Guidelines regarding murals. The Commission was supportive of the proposed changes but wanted another month to consider them before forwarding a recommendation to the City Council. This will be brought back for action at the May meeting.

6. Adjourn

Prior to adjourning, Deschamp noted an interesting new local history book, Footsteps Along the Straight River, by Larry Richie. Commissioners were interested in having him attend a future meeting to discuss his book.

A motion was made by Vohs and seconded by Schiffer to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kim Clausen
Community Development Coordinator



Peggy Keilen, Chairperson