

City of Excelsior
Hennepin County, Minnesota

Minutes
Heritage Preservation Commission

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Macpherson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Macpherson, Bolles, Caron, Brabec, Salita

Commissioners Absent: Finch, Reece

Also Present: City Planner Becker

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Salita, seconded by Bolles to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 5/0.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) July 28, 2020

Commissioner Bolles moved, Commissioner Salita seconded, to approve the minutes for the July 28, 2020 meeting as amended. Motion carried 5/0.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS OR REPORTS

None

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) Bandshell in the Commons (HPC No. 20-19) Public Meeting

Eric Snyder, Bandshell Committee Member, presented slides regarding background and the reason for the proposal of the bandshell improvements. He explained the process behind the Commons Master Plan, key Master Plan findings, impetus for the bandshell as the first project, Project Advisory Committee, design team selection, design explanation, site plan detail, and a design explanation.

Brabec wanted to know if there was consideration of a green roof. Dan Johnson explained that there was consideration of this. Caron asked if there was intention for there to be bleacher-type seating. Johnson showed a slide on the slideshow presentation that reflected the WPA seating. Caron asked about the trees and the impacts the design would have. Johnson explained that Erik Paulsen would give advice as to how to avoid impact to significant trees around the new structure. Brabec wanted to know the base material, and Johnson answered that it would be concrete. Salita said that he loved the design of the bandshell and the congruity with the concession stand. He believes that the bandshell itself needs to be ADA accessible. He also believes that the permeable pavers may be a liability and a City maintenance issue. Bolles also felt that permeable pavers could be a problematic issue for City maintenance. Bolles doesn't feel that the design respects the former efforts of the bandshell. Caitlyn Pulitzer, 664 Glencoe Road, feels that the bandshell captures a lot of input from public feedback. Brabec feels that the proposed design gives a flexibility to the events within the Commons. Peter Hartwich, 186 George Street, believes that the proposed bandshell design is very similar to that of Victoria's and likes it and recommends looking at Victoria's bandshell.

Macpherson suggested that a special meeting be scheduled. It was then suggested that each individual member of the HPC submit comments to Planning Director Becker in order for Commissioner Caron and Macpherson to condense the comments into a statement to be distributed to the City Council. A special meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

b) 463 Second Street Site Alteration Permit – New Stairs (HPC No. 20-18)

Becker presented the report. Kyle Green, applicant, explained that the repair was necessary due to request by the Fire Marshall. Bolles asked if it was necessary to go to the handrail height of 42" if the code necessitates. Green asked if it would be necessary to submit an additional application if the height went to 42". Macpherson felt that approval could be conditioned upon meeting necessary code. Caron wanted to clarify if it could be seen from the front, and Green said it would not. Salita felt that if it met code, he is okay with it. Motion by Macpherson, seconded by Brabec, that the application be approved so long as it meets code. Motion carried 5-0.

c) 429 Second Street Sketch Plan – Paint, Rebuild Porch (HPC No. 20-21)

Becker presented the report. Jon Wolf, applicant, explained the proposal. Caron wanted to ensure that the applicant understood that if the windows were original and wood that he would be required to consult with a window restoration specialist to understand if the windows are restorable and at what cost. Wolf did not believe that the front facing windows were original. Macpherson suggested that a subcommittee evaluate if the windows are original and if replacement would be more appropriate. Bolles suggested that he and Finch be part of the subcommittee to evaluate if the windows should be restored. Caron wanted to also be on the email list. Wolf to get a few times to Becker to when he can meet to evaluate the windows.

d) Blue Line Ticket Booth

Becker presented the report. Macpherson suggested that the drafted report be presented to the City Council, seconded by Bolles. Motion carried 5-0.

Further discussion was had regarding having a subcommittee to preliminarily review applications for completion in order to ensure that applications are complete. Salita to write up a proposal regarding preliminarily reviewing applications for completeness.

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6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Salita, seconded by Bolles, to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Becker

City Planner