

City of Excelsior
Hennepin County, Minnesota

Minutes
Heritage Preservation Commission

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Macpherson called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

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

Commissioners Absent: Reece

Also Present: City Planner Becker

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Macpherson, seconded by Bolles to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 4/0 (Finch and Salita not yet present).

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) Bandshell in The Commons (HPC No. 20-19)

Macpherson and Caron met to draft the Heritage Preservation Commission's comments on the bandshell. No commissioners had anything to add to the draft. Macpherson asked if there was anything else that they would like to have added. Salita wanted to add the comment under "other commissioner comments" that the City should explore cost of maintenance. Motion by Macpherson to accept the draft of comments, seconded by Bolles. Motion carried 6-0.

b) Heritage Preservation Ordinance Draft

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Macpherson wondered if the Heritage Preservation Commission wanted the commission as a whole to respond to the Council's proposed amendments to the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Finch asked about the elimination of the Planning Commission review, and Becker said that the review of the proposed landmark property with its consistency with the Comprehensive Plan and zoning ordinances would be done administratively rather than by the Planning Commission. Finch suggested that the proposed amendment that staff alert the property owner within 72 hours may not be feasible due to City Hall being closed Fridays and suggested that perhaps the time by which the property owner be alerted be extended to either a week or three business days. Caron had suggested that the Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Historical Society be asked if they had any information regarding the proposed landmark property. Finch wanted this to be a required step in the process. The Commission felt that this was a good idea. Finch asked for clarification on the proposed incentive to allow accessory structures to have plumbing, and the reasoning behind this was to incent preservation of existing structures by converting accessory structures to living space by adding plumbing.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Caron, seconded by Brabec, to adjourn at 9:31 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Becker
City Planner