

City of Excelsior
Hennepin County, Minnesota

Minutes
Heritage Preservation Commission

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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

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

Commissioners Absent: Finch

Also Present: City Planner Becker

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Caron, seconded by Bolles to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 5/0. (Reece not yet present)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) September 22, 2020

Commissioner Bolles moved, Commissioner Salita seconded, to approve the minutes for the September 22, 2020 meeting as amended. Motion carried 5/0. (Reece not yet present)

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS OR REPORTS

None

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) 429 Second Street Site Alteration Permit (HPC No. 20-24)

Becker presented the report. Jon Wolf, applicant, was there to speak regarding the proposal. Caron wanted to clarify if all of the windows would be restored, and Wolf confirmed they were being restored and not being replaced. He also asked what was being done with the second floor, and Wolf replied that it would be used as an office and not a residence as it previously was. Bolles asked if the applicant was planning on putting on storm windows similar to that of the Masonic Lodge. Bolles wanted to note that the screens on the Masonic Lodge would be used if the existing screens were not salvageable. He also wanted to confirm if the windows on the second floor would also be restored, and Wolf said that they were. Macpherson asked for comments regarding the retaining wall, and it was concluded that the retaining wall follow city requirements. Salita wanted the applicant to understand that the owners, who would be paying for the repairs, would need to uphold the approvals of the application. He wanted to add the conditions that the storm windows, if they need to be replaced, need to be similar to those of the Masonic Lodge and that the owners sign off on the application, agreeing to all the conditions and approvals of the Site Alteration Permit. Caron wanted to add the condition that all windows are to be restored rather than replaced, and Salita agreed to the additional condition. Reece felt that an email should be sent to the owner that clarified that by signing off on the application that the owner is responsible to adhere to all rules and regulations set forth by all applicable regulations. Motion seconded by Bolles. Motion carried 6/0.

b) 6 Third Street Site Alteration Permit Amendments (HPC No. 20-25)

Becker presented the report. Brattland went over the proposed changes. Caron asked why the window in the kitchen wasn't centered, and Brattland agreed that the window would be centered. Motion by Caron to approve the Site Alteration Permit amendment except with the change to the window outside of the kitchen, as none of the changes affect the previously enumerated character defining features of the structure or the historical integrity of the structure. Caron added that the applicant should consider centering the window

outside of the kitchen in order to make it more historically accurate. Seconded by Bolles.

Motion carried by 6/0.

c) 7 George Street House Move Alterations

Becker presented the report. Brattland went through the alterations that he is proposing to make at the existing house located at 200 Lake Street. Caron felt that the proposed change to the porch's rear roof line would be a minimal change and wouldn't have much effect on the historic integrity of the structure. There was also discussion regarding a proposed porch and addition, but such a redesign would need to come forth before the HPC for approval. Motion by Caron, to approve the amendment to the Site Alteration Permit as presented.

d) Downtown Portable Domes, Heat Lamps and Seating

Becker presented the report. Reece felt that it would be a good idea to get people down to the downtown area. Macpherson suggested that the HPC suggest that the domes be taken down by the end of May. Bolles agreed.

e) Future Discussion Items

Salita had said that the mural portion of the design guidelines needs to be part of the sign ordinance. It has to be delineated whether murals can be commercial or noncommercial. He asked for suggested language from colleagues. He would investigate more and bring findings back to a future meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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Motion by Salita, seconded by Bolles, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Becker

City Planner