

**Heritage Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes**

Monday, December 17, 2018

1. Call to Order

Keilen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the First Floor Public Meeting Room, City Hall, 208 NW First Avenue, Faribault, Minnesota.

Members Present: Peggy Keilen, Ron Dwyer, Lee Nordmeyer and Karl Vohs

Members Absent: Lyn Rein and Julie Schiffer

Staff Present: Kim Clausen, Community Development Coordinator; Wes Remmey, Citizen; Ryan Ernster, 310 Central Ave

2. Minutes

A. Regular HPC Meeting – November 19, 2018

A motion was made by Vohs and seconded by Nordmeyer to approve the November 19, 2018 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

3. General Heritage Preservation Items

- A. Citizen Comment Period – Former HPC Commissioner Wes Remmey was present to express his concerns about the City's recent acquisition of buildings in the Downtown Historic District. He noted that according to the City's Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), the purpose of the HPC is to protect historic buildings. Remmey requested the HPC adopt a resolution objecting to the acquisition and proposed demolition.

Keilen agreed the HPC doesn't feel respected or understood by the community. Vohs agreed that the buildings most recently acquired on 3rd Street NW and 1st Avenue NW are different from the Knights of Columbus building because of their greater architectural significance.

A motion was made by Vohs and seconded by Dwyer to adopt a resolution that contains the following language:

- The HPC is obligated to protect the community's historic resources
- The HPC has not been consulted about the City's intent to acquire and demolish historic buildings
- Request a meeting with the City Council to discuss their role and relationship
- Request an ordinance amendment to require HPC review of historic resource acquisitions prior to acquisitions occurring

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Design Reviews

A. Façade Improvements - 310 Central Avenue

Ernster described the proposal for new awnings over the east storefronts at 310 Central Avenue. They will be on fixed aluminum frames, capped on both ends and with a 6" fixed valance on the bottom. The awnings will start 1" below the corbels on the cornices. Several colors and patterns were presented for consideration. The Commission agreed separate storefronts should be delineated by different colors, patterns and/or angles, but still coordinate with each other and the façade. Commissioners will let the property owner determine the awning colors and patterns.

A motion was made by Vohs and seconded by Nordmeyer to approve two new awnings on fixed aluminum frames, capped on both ends with a 6" valance on the bottom, starting 1" below the corbels on the cornices. Color and pattern to be determined by the property owner. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Items of Discussion

A. None

6. Adjourn

Prior to adjourning, Dwyer asked to discuss design review submission requirements at a future meeting. Prior to adjourning, Vohs asked to discuss downtown building marketing at a future meeting. A motion was made by Dwyer and seconded by Vohs to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Clausen
Community Development Coordinator

Peggy Keilen, Chairperson