

MINUTES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING,
Thursday, October 23, 2014 @ 4:30 p.m.
Collins Conference Room, City Hall, 101 First Street SE

Members Present: Amanda McKnight-Grafton Chair
Sam Bergus
Bob Grafton
Pat Cargin
Ron Mussman
Tim Oberbroeckling
Mark Stoffer Hunter
Barbara Westercamp

Members Absent: Todd McNall
Caitlin Hartman

City Staff: Jeff Hintz, Planner
Anne Russett, Planner

Guests: Cindy Hadish, Emily Meyer, Jan Koslowski, Marjorie Pearson, Sara Nelson, BJ Hobart

Call Meeting to Order

- Amanda McKnight Grafton called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.
- Eight (8) Commissioners were present with two (2) absent.

1. Approve Meeting Minutes

- One amendment was requested for item 2D changing Mr. Russett to Ms. Russett.
- Ron Mussman made a motion to approve the minutes from October 9, 2014 as amended. Barbara Westercamp seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 4.f was considered next by the Commission to accommodate the schedules of guests.

4.f) Demolition Applications UNDER REVIEW

i. 1527 3rd Avenue SE – Private Property

- Emily Meyer with Save CR Heritage gave information about a lot donated from the Affordable Housing Network Inc. and had obtained some quotes regarding moving the structure. It was relayed that moving the house would likely take longer than the demolition hold would be in effect for. Mark Stoffer-Hunter expressed an interest in coordinating with the church.

- Jan Koslowski, representing the church, agreed to discuss the timing of the moving process with her board. General discussion about the condition of the church was discussed.

2. Action Items

a. DEMOLITION Applications

i. 1435 3rd Street SE – Private Property

- Jeff Hintz stated the property was built in 1960 and is not eligible for the National Register. The property is currently a nuisance property and has had issues with vandalism and unauthorized entry since the 2008 flood. The applicant desires to have the property demolished to alleviate these issues. There are no future plans for the property at this time.
- Tim Oberbroeckling made a motion to approve demolition of 1435 3rd Street SE. Sam Bergus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4.a) Downtown Survey Update

- Marjorie Pearson, of Summit Envirosolutions, presented photos and background information on the downtown survey. Ms. Pearson noted that the proposed Downtown National Historic District boundary had been expanded to incorporate feedback from the City staff and members of the Commission.
- Anne Russett gave information regarding the open house that was held for the public highlighting the feedback that was received.
- Public Comment was made by BJ Hobart on the open house with the suggestion that an FAQ be posted online for property owners.
- Draft nomination forms and the survey will be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) on December 1, 2014.

4.b) Industrial Survey Update

- Marjorie Pearson, of Summit Envirosolutions, presented photos and background information on the Industrial Survey.
- This project would result in the individual nomination of one structure, the Harper and McIntire industrial building to the National Register.
- General discussion was held about industrial buildings in the community. Ron Mussman questioned why the Alliant Energy Power Plant was not included in the survey. Ms. Pearson noted that it was not included in the 1997 survey. Mark Stoffer-Hunter also mentioned that the building has had major alterations over the years.
- The survey and draft nomination forms will be submitted to SHPO on December 1, 2014.

2.b) Citywide Survey – Suggested Changes

- Mark Stoffer-Hunter presented the group with recommended edits and corrections to the document.
- Barb Westercamp made a motion for corrections and edits to be made and a final copy be presented to the Commission at the November 13 meeting. Tim Oberbroeckling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3.a) Northwest Flood Mitigation Overlay District Overview

- Jeff Hintz presented information about the ordinance that was passed by City Council on October 7, 2014. The overlay is intended to keep conditions in the area as is, until a

flood protection alignment and system are designed; this design is anticipated to be completed in August of 2015.

- Mark Stoffer Hunter commented that the Hubbard Ice Property may also be a historic property within the overlay and encouraged members to view it.

3.b Historic Resources in City right-of-way

- Jeff Hintz relayed information from staff research on various items in the right-of-way to the commission. Replica tiles and original sidewalk mosaic tiles and disposition were discussed as well as the stockpiling of original brick pavers.

Mark Stoffer Hunter left the meeting at 5:52 PM

- The commission held a discussion about different ways to document or repurpose items in the right-of-way. The HPC would like a way to give input earlier in the process for public improvements and how historic resources can be saved or moved ahead of construction projects. Discussion about how to rank or identify resources while remaining specific and targeted took place.

4.c) 3rd Street and 12th Avenue Kiosk

- Anne Russett relayed information on the design and potential changes that could still be made to the kiosk. The general layout of the kiosk needs to remain the same for reasons of durability, consistency and budgetary constraints.
- Amanda McKnight-Grafton discussed the look of the sign and some of the elements that could potentially be changed. The consensus of the commission would be a sign with a burnished or bronzed finish and removal of the wires underneath the message portion of the kiosk would be desirable.

4.d) Preservation Showcase Subcommittee Update

- No one had any updates for the group.

4.e) Local Landmark Applications

- Jeff Hintz gave the commission an update on comments received from the state regarding 845 1st Avenue SE. The SHPO has concurred with the HPC recommendation; the process will now move forward in accordance with the provisions outlined in chapter 18 of the municipal code.

4.g) COA under review at 1527 2nd Avenue SE

- Bob Grafton informed the commission there was some movement on a document requiring signature of the owner to transfer the property to him.

5. Good of the Group Comments

- Jeff Hintz gave a brief update about outreach being done to property owners in the local historic districts, the paint rebate program, historic district street signage and a potential amendment to chapter 18 of the municipal code.

6. Adjournment

- Barb Westercamp made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 PM. Tim Oberbroeckling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Hintz, Planner
Community Development