Agenda Item: 2A

Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 19, 2018

1. Call to Order

Nordmeyer called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. in the First Floor Public Meeting Room, City Hall, 208 NW First Avenue, Faribault, Minnesota.

Members Present:

Lyn Rein, Lee Nordmeyer, Ron Dwyer, Julie Schiffer, Karl Vohs,

Members Absent:

Peggy Keilen and Roni Deschamp

Staff Present:

Kim Clausen, Community Development Coordinator

Others Present:

Joey Feaster and Suzanne Schwichtenberg

2. Minutes

A. Regular HPC Meeting – February 26, 2018

A motion was made by Rein and seconded by Schiffer to approve the February 26, 2018 regular meeting minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

3. General Heritage Preservation Items

A. Citizen Comment Period

None

4. Design Reviews

None

5. Items of Discussion

A. Mural Policy

Joey Feaster, a local artist, described his desire to do a participatory art project to bring people together. One of his ideas is a mural in either the downtown historic district, or on infrastructure (underpasses, retaining walls, etc.) along a community bike/walking trail. He wants to obey the regulations but wants to gently and respectfully push the envelope on public art projects. Suzanne Schwichtenberg, another local artist also described her desire to do a community visual arts project that has positive, upbeat images. The rear of her building in the 200-block of Central Avenue would be a good place for such a display. However, the Commercial Historic District Design Guidelines ("the Guidelines") currently don't allow murals in the local downtown historic district.

Dwyer noted that rear facades might be an acceptable location for façade. Commissioners were not in favor of painting murals over brick but would be supportive of using the panel system or allowing painting directly on stucco surfaces. The HPC is supportive of considering changes to the Guidelines that would allow murals in certain circumstances. The HPC agreed by consensus to direct staff to propose amendments to the Guidelines at the next meeting.

B. Election of Officers

It is time to elect new officers for the commission. A motion was made by Vohs and seconded by Nordmeyer to nominate Keilen for Chairperson. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Vohs and seconded by Schiffer to nominate Rein for Vice-Chairperson. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Adjourn

Prior to adjourning, Clausen asked if any HPC members are interested in serving on any of the Comprehensive Plan committee. Dwyer and Vohs both stated they would be interested in this.

A motion was made by Vohs and seconded by Rein to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Clausen

Community Development Coordinator

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