

**Heritage Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 15, 2018**

1. Call to Order

Keilen called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. in the First Floor Public Meeting Room, City Hall, 208 NW First Avenue, Faribault, Minnesota.

Members Present: Lyn Rein, Lee Nordmeyer, Karl Vohs, Ron Dwyer and Julie Schiffer

Members Absent: Roni Deschamp and Peggy Keilen

Staff Present: Kim Clausen, Community Development Coordinator; Mark Duchene, City Engineer

Others Present: Tom Moline, Representative for 429 Central Avenue

2. Minutes

A. Regular HPC Meeting – August 20, 2018

A motion was made by Vohs and seconded by Nordmeyer to approve the August 20, 2018 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

3. General Heritage Preservation Items

- A. Citizen Comment Period – No members of the public spoke, but Vohs noted he would like to discuss HPC Commissioner residency requirements at the next meeting. Staff will bring the By-Laws to the November meeting for review.

4. Design Reviews

A. Buckham Memorial Library Downtown Storywalk

Clausen presented information on the proposed downtown storywalk, which is an exhibit that contains pages from a book spread along a trail or path. The pages will be displayed in powder coated black angle frames with aluminum posts and plates, and bolted to the sidewalk. Duchene noted the storyboards would be located outside the pedestrian access route. The HPC was generally supportive of the project and made the following comments:

- Cautioned against putting too much on the sidewalks. During events the sidewalks get congested, need to be careful about obstructing access. Displays should be located outside the site triangle at intersections.
- Snow removal should be considered; plows have knocked over the bike racks downtown, need to minimize damage to infrastructure.

No action was necessary.

B. 429 Central Ave – Façade Renovations

Tom Moline, on behalf of 429 Central Avenue, presented a proposal to remove the existing aluminum panels on the west and north sides of the building, and replace them with new LP SmartSide Stucco Panel siding. The panels are proposed to be painted to look like the window storefront on the west side of the building. Moline noted the existing aluminum panels have popcorn insulation and are suffering from moisture infiltration. Behind the existing panels is wood frame construction with carsiding. The windows on the south side of the awning

have fake transoms using painted siding. Moline noted it would be cost prohibitive, at \$20,000 per window, for tempered glass with a custom mounting system. Dwyer noted that other downtown property owners have done similar remodels for considerably less. Rein noted that in other buildings ceramic 1' x 2' or 1' x 1' ceramic tiles have been approved in place of marble in order to reduce expenses. Dwyer added that 2 cm slabs of granite could also be used.

Commissioners agreed that the window on the west side should be opened back into a window for continuity and consistency of the storefront.

A motion was made by Dwyer and seconded by Vohs to require the property owner to further investigate restoring the west aluminum paneled area back into a storefront window consistent with the adjacent existing storefront window, including the bulkhead and transom windows. No work is to be done on the north storefront. The motion passed unanimously.

C. 17 3rd St NE – Demolition Permit

Staff presented the request to demolish the former Knights of Columbus building at 17 3rd Street NE in order to construct a new parking lot. According to the Site File, the building is contributing to the local historic district. However, Commissioners stated the building is incongruent with the rest of the block and incompatible with surrounding buildings. They noted they typically don't like to approve building demolitions, but there are better examples of post-modern architecture elsewhere in the district. Dwyer stated that the City would lose the tax base from this building demolition. He asked if trees could be added to the parking lot. Duchene said green space could be added to the lot.

A motion was made by Dwyer and seconded by Schiffer to approve the demolition of the former Knights of Columbus building at 17 3rd Street NE. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Items of Discussion

A. 2018 Annual Statewide Historic Preservation Conference Update

Staff presented information on the Annual Statewide Historic Preservation Conference in Winona from September 12-14.

6. Adjourn

A motion was made by Dwyer and seconded by Nordmeyer to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kim Clausen
Community Development Coordinator



Peggy Keiler, Chairperson