Heritage Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 15, 2020

1. Call to Order
Rein called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. This meeting was held via Zoom.com due to the COVID-19 Pandemic in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 13D.02. Minn. Stat. § 13D.02 provides that a meeting of a public body may be conducted via telephone or other electronic means if meeting in a public location is not practical or prudent because of a health pandemic or declared emergency. Dial-In Information: 1-312-626-6799, Meeting ID: 848 0102 5389.

   Members Present: Lyn Rein, Lee Nordmeyer, Ron Dwyer, Karl Vohs, Sam Temple and David Sauer
   Members Absent: None
   Staff Present: Kim Clausen, Community Development Coordinator
   Others Present: Jeff Jarvis; Suzanne Schwichtenberg; Ryan Ernster; Sue Garwood; Misty Schwab

2. Minutes
A. None

3. General Heritage Preservation Items
A. None

4. Design Reviews
A. 310 Central Avenue – Rooftop Patio

Ryan Ernster, property owner at 310 Central Avenue is proposing to install a new approximately 38' x 42' rooftop deck on the building. 310 Central Avenue is made up of two buildings that act as one; the south part of the building is slightly taller than the north part and has an exposed wall that looks out onto the roof of the north portion of the building. Two pedestrian doors and an overhead garage door will be installed in the exposed wall, opening out to the new deck on the lower part of adjacent roof. The deck is proposed to be constructed of beige maintenance-free decking and black aluminum railings. The pedestrian doors will be steel with a large glass panel, painted black. The garage door will be a multi-pane glass garage door with a black aluminum framing system. The deck will not be visible from Central Avenue. The deck railing and the tops of the doors are visible in the alley and other areas farther from the building.

Vohs suggested the use of sliding barn doors instead of a garage door. Ernster indicated this didn’t fit with the look he was trying to achieve. Other commissioners were not supportive of the barn doors. Temple asked if this project is damaging to the current building. The improvements will not damage the building or affect any significant architectural features of the building. Ernster indicated he is working with the Building Official to ensure the structural integrity of the building. The doors can easily be removed if they no longer need the deck and roof access. Commissioners were largely supportive of the project since it cannot be viewed from Central Avenue and has limited visibility from the rear.

A motion was made by Temple and seconded by Nordmeyer to approve the rooftop deck as proposed. The motion passed 4-1 with Vohs abstaining.
213 Central Avenue – Public Art Permit

Jarvis and Schwichtenberg presented proposals for painting a mural on the rear/east side of Schwichtenberg’s building at 213 Central Avenue. The rear façade projects from the main building and consists of concrete stucco. The mural is proposed to be painted directly on the stucco. While four designs were originally submitted for review, the applicants indicated their preference for the “zipper” mural. According to Jarvis, the mural is a metaphor for the old business/building giving way to the new business/building. Commissioners were supportive of the idea, but wanted Jarvis to develop concepts for the north and south facades of the building to create a cohesive look. The HPC will consider having a special meeting to review this in order to keep the project moving for installation this season.

5. Items of Discussion

A. Native American Memorial

Due to time restrictions of the Zoom meeting, this item was not discussed.

B. Project Updates

Due to time restrictions of the Zoom meeting, this item was not discussed.

6. Adjourn

A motion was made by Temple and seconded by Vohs to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signatures]

Kim Clausen
Community Development Coordinator

Lyn Rein, Chairperson