Heritage Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 22, 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: 818 7607 5315.

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

2. Minutes
A. None

3. General Heritage Preservation Items
A. None

4. Design Reviews
A. 408 Central Avenue – Sign Permit

Staff presented a sign permit application for Northwestern Mutual at 408 Central Avenue. The rectangular aluminum wall sign will contain a total of 39 s.f. and meets the requirements of the Downtown Sign District. Temple was concerned about the aluminum being shiny and suggested it have a matte finish. Other commissioners agreed with this suggestion.

A motion was made by Sauer and seconded by Dwyer to approve the sign as proposed with the condition that the aluminum have a matte finish as opposed to a glossy finish. The motion passed unanimously.

B. 213 Central Avenue – Public Art Permit

Jarvis presented drawings for the three-sided mural on the back/east façade of the building at 213 Central Avenue. He explained the concept of the zipper being used to reflect the transition of the building’s historical use to a new use. The art is also used to convey that the new use is a creative/artistic space. Sauer is concerned out the contrast in how closely changes to the front of the building are examined compared to this proposed use on the rear. He stated that zippers had not been invented at the time this building was constructed and prefers something more directly related to the history of the community. Temple noted that one of the windows has an A/C unit and that some people might think it looks like a pair of pants being unzipped, but that he likes the concept. Other commissioners were comfortable of the concept and supportive of the project.

A motion was made by Temple and seconded by Vohs to approve the mural as presented. The motion passed 5-1 with Sauer abstaining.
5. Items of Discussion

A. Native American Memorial

Sue Garwood was not available to discuss this topic with the HPC. Vohs discussed his desire to conduct thorough research into the Native American population in Faribault in order to develop an appropriate memorial/educational exhibit. This will be discussed in greater detail at the July meeting.

6. Adjourn

A motion was made by Temple and seconded by Vohs to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Clausen
Community Development Coordinator

Lyn Rein, Chairperson