

Heritage Preservation Commission

SPECIAL Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2022

1. Call to Order/Approve Agenda

Chair Sauer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and requested a roll call:

Rob Kuhlman – Present
Lee Nordmeyer – Present
Cori Weems – Present
Karl Vohs – Present
Ron Dwyer – Present
Chair David Sauer -- Present

Vojs brought a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Weems. Motion carried on a 6/0 vote.

Waldock began with introductions with Mathias Hughey as the new Community Development Coordinator and went around the room introducing the members.

Sam Temple arrive at 6:08 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes from August 17, 2022 Regular Meeting

Temple made a motion to approve the minutes of July 20, 2022, seconded by Vojs. Motion carried on a 7/0 vote.

3. General Heritage Preservation Items

A. Citizen Comment Period – None.

4. Design Reviews

A. Former Farmer Seed and Nursery - 818 4th Street NW - Midwest Storage

On May 3rd, 2022 the HPC approved the certificate of appropriateness for demolition subject to the following conditions:

1) The HPC shall provide a design review for development plans before construction to assure the design includes themes representing the Farmer Site heritage at the site.

2) Historic items and signage must be a part of the new development plans for the site, including components salvaged from the historic building and re-used in the new development.

3) Ensure that the historical items like the public art representing the site be preserved and maintained.

The artist, Jeff Jarvis, was present and gave an overview of how he will be making and installing the mural.

After much discussion, Temple moved to approve the design of the mural, seconded by Vohs. Motion carried unanimously.

After this motion, further discussion took place regarding the preservation issue. They discussed the City could state that preservation of the image could be written upon transfer of ownership. As far as preserving and maintaining, they are using high quality materials. Jarvis said that will probably need to be maintained every 15 or so years. Jarvis recommended a review about every three years.

Further discussion took place of the southeast corner where they are going to take down some of the reclaimed wood, metal and some of the brick will go into the pergola which a rough drawing was provided. See attached.

Elsawaf has been working with the Rice County Historical Society and feels that they've met the threshold of the requirements of the HPC and will continue to work with the HPC as things progress. In regard to the rendering of the pergola, this drawing is close but needs the wood coming out on the roof.

In recap, Waldock stated the HPC will still have a vote on the language. We'd be glad to bring that back to make sure we've met the goals. The pergola will evolve. With this meeting those aspects of 1 and 2 with the mural have been met. With the pergola, a little more detail on the salvage components to come back and, with that, then all three will be satisfied.

Motion to table to future meeting made by Temple, seconded by Vohs. Motion carried unanimously

5. Items for Discussion

A. Update on Statewide Annual Historic Preservation Conference (PreserveMN 2022).

Sauer asked if there were mention of any grants that offered to combat demolition by neglect? Waldock said there was a regional grant by Jeffris. Vohs asked if they were in MN. Hughey said that they are all over. Vohs asked if they fund demolition by neglect issue problems. Waldock stated that they are going a rehab in Carver County; they are restoring a farmstead. Waldock said the best solution for demolition by neglect is not to have neglect. Maintenance inspections and enforcement might be the answer; annual inspections.

Casper interjected by offering that if there was a program to offer or incentivize a building owner to have a structural analysis done, then maybe they could combat some of the demolition by neglect. Waldock said that it wouldn't be the HPC with the budget but something like the EDA or something. Waldock stated that the City doesn't have the ability

to hire an inspector at this time but maybe with education might assist and promoting good will.

7. Adjourn

A motion was brought by Commissioner Dwyer and seconded by Commissioner Temple to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: Kari Casper, Recording Secretary



Farmer Seed & Nursery Interpretive Kiosk Conceptual

Kiosk and bench construction uses embossed tin, foundation stones, and timbers from building, and stories printed on exterior vinyl product and applied to aluminum panels.

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