



HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

PUBLIC MEETING ROOM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17,
2024

6:00 PM

Meeting Items

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Heritage Preservation Commission was called to order by Vice Chair Weems at 6:00 pm. Commissioners Colton Hogan, Rob Kuhlman, Lee Nordmeyer, David Sauer, and Vice Cori Weems were present. Also in attendance was Harry Davis, City Planner, Community Development Coordinator, Mathias Hughey, and Administrative Assistant II, Kari Casper. David Hvistendahl, Darrel Jensen, and Julius Shackleford were also presented in the audience. Vice Chair Weems requested a motion to approve the agenda as presented. A motion was made by Coltan Hogan, seconded by David Sauer. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Vice Chair Weems then requested a motion to approve the last meeting's minutes. A motion was made by Lee Nordmeyer, seconded by Coltan Hogan. The motion passed unanimously.

3. General Heritage Preservation Items

None.

A. Citizen Comment Period

None.

4. Design Reviews

A. 216-218 Central Avenue Certificate of Appropriateness and Review of Work Completed

After much discussion on remedies to conform to the Certificate of Appropriateness, staff showed images of the issues with the building. There was much discussion regarding the size of the boards and whether they could be bigger. It was stated that the boards came in at 79.2sf, just under what they stated they were told the size of 80sf was the maximum size. There was some discussion about requesting a variance to go larger to cover up the CMU and bricks. Also discussed, was painting the CMU and brick to match the sign boards. Davis stated that we would need to see an application and requested it be in two weeks before the next meeting. Hvistendahl stated that his intent was to apply both suggestions for the next meeting. There was a motion by David Sauer to table the submission to amend the Certificate of Appropriateness, seconded by Coltan Hogan. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Items for Discussion

A. Boundary Proposal

Hughey requested recommendations on the boundary lines. Hughey will make a resolution that must go before the Planning Commission. There was one homeowner that did want to be in the district. Hvistendahl stated he did not want to be in the district. Rick Thomas wanted his building in. The owner of the Phone Station was indifferent.

Hughey went around starting at the demolished buildings. The consensus on an informal vote was to add only the remaining buildings and it passed unanimously. The vacuum store is in the national district, and they would like to add it to the local district. The western portion of the 500 block of Central Ave was recommended for inclusion.

Hvistendahl is not part of National or Local. Kuhlman stated that he's strongly opposed to adding it since the business owner is against it. The consensus was not to add it.

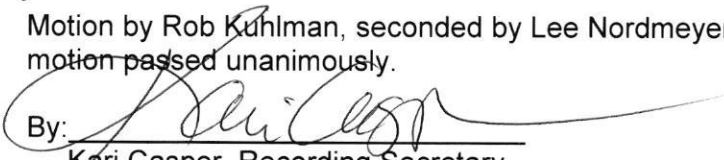
The Heritage Place building, Rock Island Depot, and Rick Thomas' buildings are not currently in the national or local districts, and one building owner has expressed a strong interest in being added. Weems thought that everything should be added. Hogan stated that if they didn't want it, they should have responded -- he thinks everything should be added. Hughey had some concerns about the zoning from Industrial to Commercial -- Davis thought it would be a good Planning question. They discussed adding the post office too. Hughey then brought up Redemption and the parking lot. Do we add the parking lot for geographic continuity? The consensus was yes to adding the whole half block. Hughey then went on to the southern end. One homeowner wants to remain. To set up a residential district -- would be a different project. After further discussion on the boundaries, a motion was made by David Sauer, seconded by Coltan Hogan to retain the original local boundaries. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Relevancy Project

It was not discussed and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Rob Kuhlman, seconded by Lee Nordmeyer to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

By: 

Kari Casper, Recording Secretary