

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

PUBLIC MEETING ROOM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18,
2023

6:00 PM

Meeting Items

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Heritage Preservation Commission was called to order by Chair Temple at 6:02 pm. Commissioners: Ron Dwyer, Colton Hogan, Rob Kuhlman, Lee Nordmeyer, David Sauer, Cori Weems and Chair Temple. Also in attendance was Community Development Coordinator, Mathias Hughey and Administrative Assistant II, Kari Casper.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Coltan Hogan, seconded by Cori Weems to approve the meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed on a 6/0 vote.

3. General Heritage Preservation Items

A. Citizen Comment Period

B. PreserveMN 2023 Conference Report

Hughey attended the conference in Mankato. The code enforcement was highly attended. He invited all members of the HPC to the one next year that will be in Redwing. The HPC can apply for scholarships for the attendees. Bonnie McDonald works in Illinois for a non-profit last year or the year prior. She spoke about equity and inclusion, which are super interesting and we could look at that as one part of each month, a topic for each month for discussion. That was really quite interesting. Sauer did say he liked that. Temple asked to have it be a work session afterward. Hughey said we will just put it in Items for Discuss. Temple asked if we did that, we'd have to have a quorum and in a work session, it's more informal. He defers to staff to see if that's allowed. Hughey thought that we should have it for items for discussion.

4. Design Reviews

A. Alexander Faribault House Repairs

This matter was moved to be discussed following the approval of the minutes. The proposed upgrades were discussed. Both Dwyer and Hogan were recused from discussions carried over from the last meeting. Mr. Dave Nichols stated that they have applied for two grants and, due to the timing of the grants, their plan is to do a bit of a patch job on the porch to stabilize it through the winter. They are hoping to do the repairs in the spring. One of the requirements of one of the grants is to get a Certificate of Appropriateness. The whole house is on the Register. They are working in three phases on interior renovations. They will apply for more grants next year. The house was insulated with sand at the time and not very efficient. They cannot blow in

insulation and they are stuck with this and he is working with the State on this. He discussed the paintings that are structural and removed at this time and they are making copies and once the house is stable, the paintings will be restored. Chair Temple asked about signage. Nicols was delayed in requesting a grant for the signage, they may do some fundraising for this. The sign will have a couple of pictures on it and a QR code to upload videos, etc. Motion by Cori Weems, seconded by Rob Kuhlman to Approve. Motion passed on a 4/0 vote with Dwyer and Hogan abstaining.

5. Items for Discussion

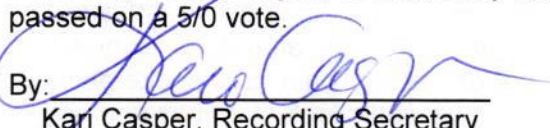
A. Engagement Update

There are 125 unique parcels and the city does own quite a few of them. Hughey stated that 10,000 Drops, The Depot and the Depot Square block and he did find a memo that states 10,000 Drops is an industrial use and was left out for that reason. The Depot and Depot Square were left out to simplify the geometric footprint of the National District.

The National District is a commercial district. Because it is industrial and not a commercial use and is non-compatible. That doesn't mean that the building doesn't have historical status, it's a distinct use. Sauer asked about Redemption. Hughey confirmed it is in the district and so is the post office. Temple would like to make a case for 10,000. Hughey stated that we could try and get it on the National Register and The Depot and Depot Square. The protection is the same in that there is no protection and the incentives are the same in that you get tax incentives. The tax incentives are for contributing to building. The 230 Central building is the only non-contributing building on the block. That building does not qualify for historic tax credits for about another 30 years. It's got to be 50 years. If we are adjusting our local building boundaries, why is 10,000 not on the national and, therefore, why would it not be on the local. So now, we have an answer and the council could make a recommendation. The local designation is the only designation that provides protection. If you do your restorations within our guidelines, you can get 20% from the state and 20% from the federal government for a total of 40%. Hughey stated, why don't we just make the districts match? The Council wanted to know why there are properties in the national but not in the local that have historical value. What do those building owners think of this?

6. Adjournment

Motion by Coltan Hogan, seconded by Ron Dwyer to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.. The motion passed on a 5/0 vote.

By: 

Karl Casper, Recording Secretary