

**Heritage Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2022**

1. Call to Order

Chair Sauer called the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Ron Dwyer, Lee Nordmeyer, Lyn Rein, Karl Vohs, and Chair Sauer

Members Absent: Cori Weems and Samuel Temple

Staff Present: Peter Waldock

Public Present: Heidi Nelson, Director of the Paradise Center for the Arts.

Commissioner Dwyer made a motion to approve the agenda and seconded by Commissioner Rein.

The motion was unanimous.

2. Approval of Minutes of December 8, 2021 meeting.

Commissioner Dwyer made a motion to approve the December 8, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Vohs. Motion passed on a 5/0 vote.

3. General Heritage Preservation Items

A. None.

4. Design Reviews

A. Electronic Message Center - Paradise Center for the Arts, 321 Central Avenue

Paradise Center for the Arts, is requesting approval of a Variance Amendment to update the marquee signs at the Center located at 321 Central Avenue N. They are seeking to replace the changeable copy message board on all three sides of the marquess with a new electronic message board (EMB) of the same size (smaller on the front) as the existing internally lit message board on the marquee.

The marquee was installed in 2008. There were variances granted for the marquee to allow flashing lights, internal illumination, the size and design and other features. The marquee was designed and built to resemble the marquee on the building in 1929.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vohs, seconded by Commissioner Rein to Approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for the Paradise Center Marquee EMB signs subject to the following conditions:

1) The EMB generally should be set to display a white background message board with black letters similar to the changeable copy message boards to be replaced and similar to the marquee shown in the Cedar Rapids example provided for this application. The EMB can display colorful moving displays at show times and downtown celebrations and events on Central Avenue.

2) This approval is subject to City Council approval of the associated Variance Amendment Application.

Motion passed on a 5/0 vote.

B. Wall Signs – Sawmill Grill, 28 3rd St NW

Peter Waldock presented an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for signs at 28 3rd Ave NW. Jordana Zamilie, owner of Sawmill Grill, is seeking approval of new signs for their business at 28-30 3rd Street NW. The signs are cut out of 1/8-inch steel into the shape of a saw blade. It will have an 8-foot diameter as proposed, which will be 50 sq. ft. in area on the front (28 3rd St NW) and back (30 3rd St. NW). No lighting is shown.

City sign ordinances for this district limit signs to 2 sq. ft. per lineal foot of frontage. The cut-out steel sign meets the design requirements for signs in this district. The front of the building where the sign will be placed is 49 ft wide. The back sign will be on a building 22 ft. wide, limiting the rear sign to 44 sq. ft. in area. The sign will otherwise meet all City ordinance requirements.

Signs of 50 sq. ft. (8 ft. diameter) in front and 44 sq. ft. (7 ft. 6 in. diameter) on the back of the building can be approved without variances. The sign appears to follow Downtown Design Guidelines in this case.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer, seconded by Commissioner Reid for approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for Sawmill Grill, business signs at 28-30 3rd Street NW on the front and rear of the buildings. This approval shall be subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Signs must be in compliance with City Sign Ordinances.
- 2) The front sign on the 28 3rd Street NW building is approved at an 8 foot diameter.
- 3) The rear sign on the back of 30 3rd Street NW is limited to a diameter of 7 feet 6 inches.

Motion carried on a 5/0 vote.

5. Items of Discussion

A. CLG Annual Report for 2021 - Review and File

Waldock summarized the annual report. This report is required as part of the Certified Local Government program for Historic Preservation.

B. Training Manual Wrap Up

Commissioners would like to discuss the Chapter on Demolition by Neglect further.

C. Project Updates

Farmers Seed Building - Executive Summary Structural Report of Existing Conditions
The HPC would like to review and comment on Rice County's plans for the LEC block redevelopment when possible.

6. Adjourn

A motion was brought by Dwyer and seconded by Rein to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Waldock", is written over a horizontal line.

By: Peter Waldock, Planning Coordinator

