

MINUTES OF THE ALBERT LEA HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

July 14, 2020

5:30 pm - ZOOM

Call to order at 5:30 pm by Chairman Kirchner

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brad Kirchner, Charles Newell, Linda Bryan, Stephanie Kibler and Jennifer Levisen.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tami Staker and Becky Johnson.

STAFF PRESENT: Megan Boeck, City Planner.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Kibler and second by Levisen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Newell and second by Kirchner to approve the June 4, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Kibler abstained. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Comprehensive Plan Update- Boeck informed the Board that a completed draft of the Comprehensive Plan Chapter has been submitted to SHPO for final approval.

PUBLIC HEARING

201 S Washington- Chairman Kirchner opened the public hearing at 5:56 pm.

Boeck stated that Rick Mummert and Craig Hoium submitted a COA for installation of a main entrance awning and pub sign. Kirchner noted that the proposed sign is back light and those type of signs have typically not been allowed in the historic district. Boeck stated that the Board could approve an affixed sign to the same size and scale so that the applicants wouldn't have to reapply

Motion by Kirchner and second by Kibler to approve the COA for an entry canvas awning and iron, affixed sign with goose neck lighting measuring approximately 24"x24". Motion carried.

Chairman Kirchner closed the public hearing at 6:15 pm.

212/214 S Washington- Chairman Kirchner opened the hearing to the public at 6:15 pm.

Boeck stated that Carter Nelson has submitted an application for COA for exterior renovation including new windows and doors, as well as a large metal, steel or aluminum awning. Boeck also informed the Board that guidelines state that awnings should be made of water repellent or vinyl-coated canvas fixed awnings are not allowed.

Motion by Kibler and Second by Bryan to approve five new double-hung windows (east facing) without grid pattern and thirteen new double-hung windows (south facing) without grid pattern in addition to a new entry door without grid pattern. Motion carried.

Motion by Kirchner and second by Levisen to deny COA for metal, steel or aluminum awing as applied for. Motion carried.

Kirchner closed the hearing at 6:36 pm.

218 S Washington- Chairman Kirchner opening the hearing to the public at 6:36 pm.

Boeck stated that Nic and Sara Lang have submitted an application for COA for complete exterior renovation of 218 S Washington as provided in architectural drawings dated July 11, 2020.

Kirchner stated that it's very obvious that a lot of thought has went into this project and that the proposed drawings are awesome.

Kibler stated that the building as purposed reminds her a lot of the Albert Lea that she remembers from her Childhood.

Motion by Kirchner and second by Kibler to approve COA for complete exterior renovation as presented. Motion carried.

Kirchner closed the hearing to the public at 6:52 pm.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

None.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

None.

Motion by Levisen and second by Newell to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 pm.
Motion carried.

Megan Boeck, City Planner

Brad Kirchner, Chairman