

MINUTES OF THE ALBERT LEA HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

February 9, 2021

5:30 pm - ZOOM

Call to order at 5:30 pm by Charles Newell.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Newell, Tom Staker, Tarrah Hall-Sather, Stephanie Kibler, Nic Lang and Council Liaison Larry Baker.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Linda Bryan and Jennifer Levisen.

STAFF PRESENT: Megan Boeck, City Planner, Steven Jahnke, City Engineer and Teresa Kauffmann, Communications Coordinator.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Staker and second by Kibler to approve the December 8, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduce New Board Members

Boeck stated that three new members were appointed to the HPC Commission at the start of 2021 and all of whom have ties to historic buildings in and around Albert Lea — Tarrah Hall-Sather, Tom Staker and Nic Lang.

Designate Board Chair

Boeck informed the Commission that Chairman Kirchner's term has expired and that the Board would need to designate a Chairman and Vice Chairman. Motion by Kibler and second by Hall to appoint Charles Newell as Chairman and Tom Staker as Vice Chairman. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

1) 131-137 E Clark Street- COA for Exterior Repairs and Modifications

Chairman Newell opened the public hearing at 5:57 pm.

Boeck stated that Par-10 Companies after further studying historic photos have re-submitted COA application. The new application includes updates to enhance the east side of the building, re-creating the historic entryway and

more window openings than what was originally planned. The lighting plan was also re-submitted to include an indirect up/down wall-wash lighting.

Motion by Kibler and second by Staker to approve the COA as applied. Motion carried.

Chairman Newell closed the public hearing at 6:13 pm.

2) 119 S Broadway Ave- COA for Exterior Signage

Chairman Newell opened the hearing to the public at 6:13 pm.

Boeck stated that Austin Perkins has submitted a COA for exterior signage and repairs that include two vinyl wall mounted signs and repairing the brown corrugated metal siding in the front that have missing or damages pieces.

Motion by Hall and second by Lang to approve the COA as applied. Motion carried.

Chairman Newell closed the public hearing at 6:21 pm.

3) 212-214 S Washington- COA for Exterior Repairs

Chairman Newell opened the hearing to the public at 6:21 pm.

Boeck stated that Carter Nelson has re-submitted an application for COA to due faulty structure elements and water damage that required changes to the proposed repairs. Boeck also stated that the applicant is working with Oleson & Hobbie Architects to provide construction documents that include some brick removal and replacement where necessary as well as tuck-pointing parts of the original wall. Lastly, the applicant proposed to install a black metal staircase to meet fire code and egress requirements.

Lang questioned the approval of the exterior staircase. Boeck stated that all elements of the proposed repairs meeting MN State Building Code.

Motion by Kibler and second by Hall to approve the COA as applied. Motion carried.

Chairman Newell closed the public hearing at 6:31 pm.

4) 132 N Broadway Ave- COA for Exterior Signage

Chairman Newell opened the public hearing at 6:31 pm.

Boeck stated that Holly Karsjens (CVB Director) has submitted a COA for exterior signage at 123 N Broadway Ave—which is now home to ALEDA, CVB, Chamber

of Commerce and Main Street. In addition, Boeck stated the applicant proposes four separate vinyl wall mounted signs sized at 28.5"x48". Motion by Lang and second by Staker to approve the COA as applied. Motion carried.

Chairman Newell closed the hearing to the public at 6:35 pm.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

None.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Boeck stated that staff is looking for input from the HPC in regards to the logo/lettering of the New Central Water Tower and to please forward any and all ideas to either Steve Jahnke or Teresa Kauffmann.

Megan Boeck, City Planner

Brad Kirchner, Chairman