

Heritage Preservation Commission

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

4:00 p.m.

St. Cloud City Hall Council Chambers

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Eric Cheever, Peter Fandel, Ann Marie Johnson, Mark Muniz, Betsy Rakotz and Sam Ross

Members Absent: Sheila DeVine

Staff Present: Jim Flaaen and Ashley Skaggs

HAP2018-21 / 501 ST. GERMAIN ST W

HAP2018-22 / 505 ST. GERMAIN ST W

ACTION TAKEN: Rakotz/Johnson/Approved (5-0)

Flaaen explained requests for new wall signage on the south and east façades of the 501 building and the south façade of the 505 building. The 501 proposal includes two projecting wall signs on the second story of the building. The signs will be constructed of black aluminum with white acrylic lettering which will be internally lit with LED lighting. The signs are proposed to be 40" x 20" with a depth of 6" and will project a total of 24" from the façade. The 505 proposal includes one projecting wall sign within the transom of the south façade of the building. This sign will also be constructed of black aluminum with white acrylic lettering and internally lit with LED lighting. The sign is proposed to be 2'6" x 2'6" with a depth of 6" and will project a total of 3' from the façade. The subcommittee recommended approval of both requests.

Shannon Wiger and Brian Schoenborn were present to answer questions about the requests. Rakotz reiterated that the subcommittee was supportive of the designs and placement. Muniz asked about the difference in elevation between the two sign types. Schoenborn stated that Kensington bank occupies the second and third floors of the 501 building, and JLG has an at-grade entrance.

Rakotz made a motion to approve the requests subject to staff recommendations. The motion was seconded by Johnson and carried unanimously.

JOINT MEETING WITH PLANNING COMMISSION REGARDING SOUTHEAST ST. CLOUD LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT

ACTION TAKEN: None

Flaaen introduced Planning Commissioners Jake Anderson, Marty Czech and Dennis Ballantine and provided background information regarding the HPC's pursuit of creating a southeast St. Cloud local historic district. Glaesman stated that at their last meeting, Planning Commissioners requested a joint meeting to discuss the potential district and its benefits, practicalities and limitations.

Commissioners discussed the pros and cons of the potential district. Muniz suggested a meeting with St. Cloud State University's president as one of the properties is owned by the university. Glaesman suggested moving forward with a public hearing in September after speaking with SCSU.

HAP SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSION

ACTION TAKEN: None

Flaaen explained that the HAP Subcommittee has been a part of the HAP process since the inception of the HPC. The Subcommittee was designed as a tool for applicants to meet with a subset of the HPC to discuss proposal and obtain feedback prior to the formal meeting. In many instances, the HAP Subcommittee has been a useful

tool for both applicants and Commissioners; however, other times it has been viewed as unnecessary and redundant. Flaaen asked Commissioners to review the approval process to possibly streamline the process for applicants. After much discussion, Commissioners agreed to make no changes to the HAP approval process.

2019 MINNESOTA HISTORIC PRESERVATION CONFERENCE

ACTION TAKEN: None

Flaaen provided an update on the 2019 Minnesota Historic Preservation Conference which will be hosted by the City of St. Cloud.

WINDOW WORKSHOP

ACTION TAKEN: None

Flaaen provided an update on the window workshop scheduled for September 29, 2018.

ADMINISTRATIVE HAP APPROVALS

ACTION TAKEN: None

Flaaen reviewed a list of recent administrative approvals.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.