

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. CLOUD HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

A meeting of the St. Cloud Heritage Preservation Commission was held on August 24, 2010, at 3:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Members present were Bartlow, Berg, Chirhart, Lenaghan, Morgan, and SCSU representative Ludwig. Absent were Fischer and HRA Board and City Council representative Johnson.

Approval of Minutes: Chirhart moved to approve the minutes of July 27, 2010. The motion was seconded by Morgan and carried unanimously.

Open Forum: No one was present to speak at the open forum.

Historic Properties in Downtown St. Cloud Seminar: Tammy Campion, Senior Planner, stated that the Historic Properties in Downtown St. Cloud Seminar with the St. Cloud Association of Realtors was held on August 19 with 20 participants (Berg and Lenaghan attended). She noted that the realtors appreciated the walking tour where they could view the historic downtown buildings that were a part of Bill Morgan's slide presentation. Campion stated that this year the seminar was only two hours in length because it focused only on the downtown. It was clear that it needs to be extended back to three or four hours because there wasn't sufficient time to view all the properties. The annual realtors seminar is on a three year rotating curriculum. The length of the downtown seminar will be extended when it comes up again in the seminar rotation schedule. Berg stated that she received positive feedback from the attendees she spoke to and that they were excited that a different tour was offered this year than what was offered the last several years. Lenaghan commented that the tour size was perfect. He agrees that the length of the tour needs to be extended. He added that Bill Morgan was very informative and did a very good job. Lenaghan said he also received very positive feedback and that the seminar was a good learning experience. Morgan said the realtors are a good group and that 20 people was an ideal size for the tour. Campion suggested limiting the seminar to 20 people for the southside and downtown seminars.

Pantown Tour: Campion said she was hoping that the Commission would see all the sites for the Pantown and River Walk tours, but Dan Hoisington had some personal issues to attend to that did not allow him to complete the work on both tours. Campion said the grant closeout is at the end of this month. However, because the tours are not yet complete due to the personal circumstances with Mr. Hoisington, the consultant, she will request a grant extension of a month or two. Campion showed the Pantown tour with narration by Hoisington.

River Walk Tour: Campion showed the River Walk tour with narration by Dan Hoisington. It highlighted the location of the St. Cloud Normal School/St. Cloud State University, featuring Lawrence Hall. Hoisington stated that he is wrapping up the scripts for both of the tours.

Regarding the Pantown tour, he pointed out that the factory buildings are not buildings from the Pan Motor Company. The red brick building on 33rd Ave. No. and the industrial building behind it were part of Pandolfo Manufacturing Company, not Pan Motor Company. Hoisington explained the eight stops on the Pantown audio tour. He pointed out that many of the River Walk stops do not have specific addresses. Campion believes that the majority of people taking part in the River Walk audio tour will either be driving or participating on-line. Campion said she can get the addresses of almost all stops for the tour. Ludwig asked if the Riverview Bldg. is on the River Walk. Hoisington said Lawrence Hall was chosen because it was the oldest building on the campus. Ludwig noted that Riverview is on the National Register. Campion said she is working on the brochures that will go along with the tours.

Administrative HAP Approvals: Campion stated there have been two administrative approvals of alteration permits in the last two months. One was for window replacement in the Southside Neighborhood Historic District. The other was for window and siding replacement for the home at 3207 Veterans Dr. in the Pantown Neighborhood Historic District. The houses on either side of this home have been completely repainted. She suggested that the property owners nominate each other or themselves for the Preservation Award next year.

Campion informed the Commission that she will submit to the National Trust for Historic Preservation a nomination for the City to be one of 2011's Dozen Distinctive Destinations. The application deadline is September 10. She is working on support letters and a video to demonstrate how St. Cloud is one of the 12 most distinctive destinations in the nation. That announcement should be made in March. Campion pointed out that the National Trust designated St. Cloud as the 2010 Top Minnesota State Historic Neighborhood City.

Adjournment: Morgan moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Tom Fischer, Secretary