

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. CLOUD HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

A meeting of the St. Cloud Heritage Preservation Commission was held on February 25, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Members present were Berg, Fandel, Fischer, Lenaghan and Radaich. Pack and Rakotz were absent. Staff present were Jim Flaaen and Ashley Skaggs.

Consent Agenda: Fandel moved to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2014 Heritage Preservation Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Berg and carried unanimously.

Berg moved to approve the minutes from the November 26, 2013 Heritage Preservation Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Fischer and carried unanimously.

HAP-2014-04 / Storefront Renovation / 714 St. Germain St W: Flaaen explained that the applicant, located at 714 St. Germain St W, is proposing to remove the existing façade and replace it with a façade similar to the building located to the south. Staff feels that the proposed renovations meet the intent of the design manual guidelines and are keeping within the historic design of the structure. Staff recommends approval of the request with the following conditions: 1) the materials, specifically granite, tinted windows and door frames, match the colors used on the adjacent storefront at 712 St. Germain St W; and, 2) the elevation drawing, approved by the HPC, will be the only approved elevation drawing for the project.

The Heritage Preservation Subcommittee met with the applicant on February 18, 2014 to discuss the details of the request. The Subcommittee agreed with staff recommendations.

Berg made a motion to approve the alteration permit request subject to staff recommendations. The motion was seconded by Fandel and carried unanimously.

Board Membership / Election of Officers: Berg and Fischer's terms will be expiring at the end of April and the Board will be looking for new members. The Board discussed possible future members.

Berg nominated Lenaghan as Chair. The nomination was seconded by Radaich and carried unanimously. Lenaghan nominated Fandel as Vice-Chair. The nomination was seconded by Berg and carried unanimously. Berg nominated Pack as Secretary. The nomination was seconded by Fischer and carried unanimously.

Administrative Approvals / Preservation Update: There has been one administrative approval since the last meeting for a rooftop heating unit replacement in the Commercial Historic District.

Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant Application: Flaaen gave a short presentation on Certified Local Government status. Staff is preparing a grant application to promote and increase the accessibility of the 'Preserving St. Cloud' digital history tours. As part of the River's Edge Convention Center expansion project, interactive video boards were placed in the concourse which gave visitors access to the audio tours. Staff is proposing to expand the use of the interactive video board to additional locations around the downtown area. Possible sites include City Hall, Great River Regional Library and Paramount Theater. Board members expressed support for the grant application. Limitations of the grant and additional project ideas were discussed.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.