

City of Excelsior
Hennepin County, Minnesota

Minutes
Heritage Preservation Commission

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Macpherson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Macpherson, Bolles, Brabec, Caron, Salita, Tyler

Commissioners Absent: Finch

Also Present: City Planner Becker

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Salita, seconded by Brabec to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 5/0 (Tyler not yet present).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) January 26, 2021

Commissioner Caron moved, Commissioner Bolles seconded, to approve the minutes for the January 26, 2021 meeting. Motion carried 5/0 (Tyler not yet present).

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS OR REPORTS

None

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) 7 George Street Landmark Designation Application (HPC No. 21-01)

Becker presented the report. Motion by Salita, seconded by Bolles, to direct staff to conduct a designation study. Motion carried 6-0. Peter Hartwich, 186 George Street, wanted to add a note that the cut of the property may potentially harm trees on the property. Bolles wanted to note that there is dirt on top of the root of the trees and that that may make trees vulnerable. Macpherson asked that the City Arborist visit the site to investigate the dirt on top of the roots.

b) 173 Second Street Landmark Designation Application (HPC No. 21-03)

Becker presented the report. Salita added historical information that he discovered and said that he would check further with Scott McGinnis of the Lake Minnetonka Historical Society. Motion by Bolles, seconded by Tyler, to direct staff to conduct the designation study. Hartwich didn't like that the designation would be conditioned on the property being subdivided. Bill Stoddard, applicant, spoke regarding the application. Motion carried 6-0. Brabec wanted to clarify that she was in support of the designation but was not in support of the lot being split.

c) 366 Water Street Site Alteration Permit Approval Revision (HPC No. 20-10)

Salita asked if the timeline was starting all over, and Becker said that it was not, as this is a revision to the approval and not the application. Caron asked if the applicant were to submit revised plans if the application should be viewed as a new Site Alteration Permit as opposed to an amendment, and the Commission felt that it should be. Motion by Bolles to approve Resolution 2021-02, seconded by Tyler. Motion carried 6-0.

d) Mural Discussion

Motion by Bolles, seconded by Salita, to adopt the mural language into the Design Manual.

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6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Salita, seconded by Bolles, to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Becker
City Planner