

City of Excelsior
Hennepin County, Minnesota

Minutes
Heritage Preservation Commission
Special Meeting

Tuesday, April 7, 2016

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Commissioners present: Brabec, Caron, Schmidt and Chair Macpherson

Commissioners absent: Anderson, Finch and Salita

Also present: City Planner Smith

Chair Macpherson called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

2. Site Alteration Permit – The Commons

City Planner Smith presented the staff report.

Macpherson questioned about allowing internally lit signage.

Brabec questioned the font of the sign.

Support the concept for a historic designed scoreboard in the proposed location, larger than what would be allowed in the commercial districts, top section is too busy. Caron stated that in general, the proposed sign meets the proposed standards in the Design Manual. Macpherson noted that the ordinance prohibits internally lit letters. Commission suggested eliminating the brackets on top. Caron suggested having "The Commons" be of the same font as the rest of the scoreboard, similar to Wrigley and Fenway Park. Logos should be smaller. Name should be "The Commons Ballpark".

Caron motioned to approved the SAP for the installation of the scoreboard in the location identified with the following conditions:

1. Has "The Commons Ballpark". Lettering should be simple, similar to other letting on the sign.
2. A simple, rectangular sign that incorporates the name and all elements, similar to Wrigley or Fenway Park.
3. If logos are included, should be sized to fit in the contours of the sign without crowding other elements.
4. Lighting of the sign should be warm yellow color without other lighting.
5. Adding a traditional analog clock element above the sign similar to other scoreboards with clock features is suggested.

Brabec seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

Commission discussed their review of changes to the Commons.

3. Give feedback on the Commercial Portion of the Draft Preservation Design Manual and/or Revised Preservation Ordinance
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The Commission was comfortable with the changes to the Design Manual, but is withholding final approval until residential portion of the Design Manual. The Commission will start reviewing the preservation ordinance.

4. Adjournment

Commissioner Schmidt moved, Commissioner Caron seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Motion carried 4/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Smith
City Planner