

City of Excelsior
Hennepin County, Minnesota

Minutes
Heritage Preservation Commission

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Macpherson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Anderson, Brabec, Caron, Finch, Chair Macpherson, Salita,

Commissioners Absent: None

Also Present: Planning Director Smith

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Anderson moved, Commissioner Brabec seconded, to approve agenda. Motion carried 7/0.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting of November 22, 2016

Finch was not at the meeting. Bolles wanted the minutes amended to state the Bolles recommended a minimum of 18" between the sidewalk and window sills. Commissioner Caron moved, Commissioner Bolles seconded, to approve the Heritage Preservation Commission Minutes of November 22, 2016. Motion carried 7/0.

4. CITIZEN REPORTS or COMMENTS

a) None

5. NEW BUSINESS

a) Lindsay Hannah's Pro Bono Work

Ms. Hannah's original idea was a National Register nomination for The Commons and the Cemetery. Commission discussed Ms. Hannah reviewing the structures of merit list. The Commons was discussed. Ms. Hannah is looking to complete a discrete project for the City. Ms. Hannah would ask SHPO on their opinion of nominating either The Commons or the cemetery for the National Register. Another project is to study the WPA projects around town, pump houses, original water treatment plant. The high school is another project that could be either a local or National Register nomination. Commission also talked about how the Commission could better educate the community on the history of all the buildings.

b) Discussing Next Preservation Project - Meeting with Owners of Structures of Merit

Brabec suggesting getting comments from all historic landmark owners. Include the list of comments from those owners in the letter. Might want to hold meetings with owners of structures of merit outside of City Hall, Excelsior Brewery was suggested. Might want to invite current owners of historic landmarks to HPC meetings for recognition. Smith will outline a possible course of action for the next meeting.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) None

7. COMMUNICATIONS and REPORT

- a) Excelsior History Festival
- b) Next City Council Meeting – January 3, 2017
- c) Next HPC Meeting – Tuesday, January 24, 2017
- d) Administrative SAP Approvals - None
- e) Recent City Council Actions - Smith informed the Commission of recent City Council actions. Salita nominated Mark Macpherson, Caron seconded, to be on The Commons Steering Committee. Macpherson asked the Commission if they have any objection moving the swing on the hill or the stubs for the old meters. Finch moved, Caron seconded for staff to get more information on the swing set and were fine with moving the parking meter posts.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Structures of Merit
- b) Downtown Historic District Boundaries – including 426 Lake Street
- c) Report from staff regarding the list of properties on local register that have been recorded
- d) Conservation Districts
- e) Start comprehensive catalog of historic Single Family homes
- f) Murals
- g) Historic Preservation Plan

9. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Caron moved, Commissioner Anderson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried 7/0.

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