

City of Excelsior
Hennepin County, Minnesota

Minutes
Heritage Preservation Commission

Thursday, September 7, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Macpherson called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.

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

Commissioners Absent: Anderson

Also Present: Planning Director Smith

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Caron moved, Commissioner Finch seconded, to approve agenda.
Motion carried 6/0.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) 340 Water Street – SAP (HPC No. 17-14)

Smith presented the staff report. Caron and Bolles recessed themselves. Kristy Lynch, Rayco Construction, addressed the Commission. Skylights won't be visible from Water Street. The increase height in the scupper system is an inch and half. Curb of skylights will be the same as the color of the roof.

Ron Knott, Knott Mechanical, addressed the Commission. One unit will have to be 22 inches higher than the existing unit. The other four units will need to be 16 inches higher than the existing units. Only way to make the units shorter is to gut the area and install new duct work, tripling the cost of the project. Color will be light grey.

Commissioner Salita moved, Commissioner Finch seconded, to approve the amended Site Alteration Permit based on the findings listed in the staff report. Motion carried 4/0.

Bolles and Caron rejoined the Commission.

b) PVN Report on The Commons

Laurel Fritz and Michael Bjornberg from PVN addressed the Commission and gave an overview of the draft Site Inventory and Period of Significance Study.

They have determined that the Character Defining Features are the overall continuation of special organizing and land patterns, changing in grade along lake street, the knolls, the lawn, tree cover on knolls, manicured grass on lawn, circulation parallel to Lake Street, vertical circulation at Lake Street

slope, active use of Lake Minnetonka – bathing beach and the Port of Excelsior, the shoreline which is installed by the WPA, ball field location, ball field seating which was installed by the WPA.

Difficult to determine that the slope on the southwest side of Lake Street is character defining feature because there is no evidence of a slope existed. Any proposed changes to this area, the Commission would need to determine if the proposed changes are compatible with the park or not.

Finch asked about the end date of the period of significance. Ms. Fritz stated that she would change the date of period of significance of the Port to be consistent with the Downtown Historic District. Caron asked about the significance of Water Street ending at Lake Minnetonka. Ms. Fritz will investigate further.

Caron asked about the geological marker at the Port. Ms. Fritz will research that more.

Bolles talked about the Ticket Booth located at the Port. The Port was key gateway to the City in the late 1800s. The Ticket Booth is the only structure remaining from that time period at the Port. Smith stated that the Ticket Booth is already established as contributing structure to the Downtown Historic District. Scott McGinnis stated that the ticket booth was called the Blue Line Launch Livery.

Salita stated that some type of concessions should be addressed in the report. The Commission suggested that the Blue Line Launch Livery should remain in the Port, not necessarily at the current location. The Commission asked PVN to make that change to the report.

Macpherson and Salita complimented the work of the consultants.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Brabec moved, Commissioner Finch seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried 6/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Smith
Planning Director