

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

DATE: July 10, 2013

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Robert Sebo, Mary Edel Beyer, Lynn Englund, Merle Hanson, Andy Bloedorn, Carolyn Larson, Susan Briggs, and Shaune Burke

ABSENT: Kendall Larson and Wes Hamilton

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Moeller

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Sebo.

The minutes from the Commission's meeting of June 12, 2013, were reviewed and upon motion by Commissioner Carolyn Larson and second by Commissioner Englund, were unanimously approved as submitted.

Prior to beginning the official meeting, Chairman Sebo noted that Mayor Peterson had been invited to this meeting. Although unknown to him, the purpose of requesting his attendance was to present him with a formal resolution commending him for his past participation as a charter member of the Heritage Commission. Chairman Sebo noted that given Mr. Peterson's election as Mayor of the City, he had been forced to resign from the Commission.

At this point, Mayor Peterson presented a resolution to Mr. Sebo commending him for his years of service as a charter member of the Heritage Commission. Created in 1989, he stated that Chairman Sebo had served in a number of capacities all furthering the purpose and intent of preservation within the City. He concluded by noting that Chairman Sebo's voice will be missed now that he is leaving the City and he will be hard to replace.

Chairman Sebo stated that the issue of historic preservation has been a big part of his life and that he would continue this mission in the St. Paul area, his new home.

Review of Proposed Amendments – Chapter 22.27

Mark Moeller, City Planner, introduced this item and noted that given discussion occurring at the Commission's last meeting, he was referring a number of proposed changes to City Code Section 22.27 to the Commission for reaction. He noted that proposed changes had been discussed for a number of months and it was his desire to bring this discussion to some form of a completion in order that the matter can be referred to Council for official action.

In referencing proposed amendments, Mr. Moeller explained that most significant Commission discussion had related a proposal that would require certificate of appropriateness (COA) approvals for exterior painting activities. At present, painting is listed as an exempt activity from a COA. Given past discussions, opinions have varied

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Other Business

Commission Carolyn Larson noted that a Main Street meeting would be held tomorrow at 11:00 am at Home Federal. She noted that there are currently openings for two members from the Heritage Commission on the Committee and asked for any volunteers to contact her.

Chairman Sebo noted that given this was his last meeting he was assigning Commissioner Englund as a liaison to the Bridge Reconstruction Committee.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned. Again, all present wished Chairman Sebo well in his new home.



Mark Moeller
City Planner