

## HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

**DATE:** June 8, 2016

**PRESENT:** Kendall Larson, Susan Briggs, Carolyn Larson, Andy Bloedorn, Dennis McEntaffer, Peter Shortridge and Merle Hanson

**ABSENT:** Mary Edel Beyer, Preston Lawing, and Wes Hamilton

**STAFF:** Myron White, Development Coordinator and Carlos Espinosa, City Planner

**VISITORS:** MnDOT Terry Ward

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### **1. Call to Order**

Kendall Larson called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

### **2. Approval of Minutes – April 13, 2016**

Commissioner Bloedorn made a motion to approve the April 13, 2016 minutes, and seconded by Commissioner McEntaffer. All those present voted aye.

### **3. Bridge Discussion – Terry Ward, MN Department of Transportation**

Mr. Ward discussed the projected cost overruns as they relate to the Historic Bridge re-build. He discussed the options that were being explored:

- Historic full build – The current approved option but well over budget
- Through-truss historic build with non-historic approach spans (saving roughly \$10 million in project costs)
- Removal of the bridge
- Use the bridge as a pedestrian facility
- Do a “20 year fix”
- Demo and build a new bridge

Mr. Ward indicated that most of the discussion has surrounded the original plan for the full historic build or the historic build with non-historic approaches. Mr. Ward indicated he would keep us in the loop as they get closer to a final decision.

### **4. Winona Schools-Local Designation Public Information Meeting:** Heritage Preservation staffer White made a Power Point presentation on the process and implications involved in the local designation of the school properties: Central School: 317 Market, Washington-Kosciusko: 365 Mankato, Madison: 515 W. Wabasha, Jefferson: 1268 W. 5<sup>th</sup>.

Audience member Steve Schild introduced himself a 1<sup>st</sup> District School Board Director and expressed several concerns relating to local designation of the schools:

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- Mr. Schild expressed concern over Commissioners K. Larson, S. Briggs, and P. Lawing's personal involvement in efforts promoting neighborhood schools and questioned if they may have a conflict of interest.
- Mr. Schild questioned how the City can dictate to property owners what they can or can't do with property at the property owner's expense.
- Mr. Schild indicated that enrollments have continued to decline and wondered how putting restrictions on what can or cannot be done with the schools is good public policy.

Commissioners Larson, Bloedorn and Briggs responded to comments indicating Ms. Larson's involvement in promoting neighborhood schools was as a Winona citizen and not a HPC member.

Commissioner Shortridge encouraged the school board to become involved and make their feeling felt at public hearing opportunities.

Commissioner McEntaffer made a motion to have staff arrange notifications and notice a public hearing for the July meeting and create the necessary resolution for consideration. The motion was seconded Commissioner Hanson with all members present voting aye.

**5. Opportunity Winona**

Staff person White provided a brief update on the Opportunity Winona initiative.

**6. Ongoing Business/Discussion Items**

HPC staff person White indicated that the Windom Park application would be largely complete for the July meeting.

**7. Upcoming Grant Application-Prioritize**

Staff asked the Commission for direction with regard to upcoming State Historic Preservation Office Legacy Grant applications. The Commission indicated an interest in applying for funding for a survey for the Winona Athletic Club property as the number 1 priority, funding for the HPC web site as priority 2 and funding for a survey for Westbrook Cemetery as the 3<sup>rd</sup> priority.

**8. Other Business**

- Certificate of Appropriateness: Latch Building Partnership: Sole Sports Sign

The Heritage Preservation Commission reviewed an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for Sole Sports located in the Latch building at 114-122 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. The building has spots for 4 street-level businesses and currently the only other sign displayed is for Affinity Credit Union. Latch representative Peter

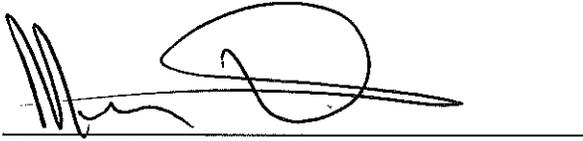
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Shortridge explained the sign will be similar in size and materials to the Affinity sign.

Commissioner McEntaffer made a motion to approve Resolution #70 approving the proposed signage for Sole Sports. The motion was seconded by Commissioner C. Larson will all present voting aye and Commissioner Shortridge abstaining from the vote.

**9. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Commissioner McEntaffer to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Commissioner Shortridge. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

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Myron White  
Development Coordinator