



**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 25, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Darrel Eisenhardt at 6:30 p.m. Aldermanic Representative Susan Kott; Commissioner Frank Capra; Commissioner Steve Wagner; Commissioner Ken Morrison; Commissioner Kevin O'Brien; and Commissioner Daniel Colwell were present.

Chairman Eisenhardt welcomed Ken Morrison to the Historic Preservation Commission.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Judith Schulz, 533 Milwaukee Avenue, asked what the wait period was to receive another façade grant. Ms. Schulz presented a checklist of suggested guidelines. Commissioner O'Brien commented that materials cannot be the same as the past, in order to be safe, and because of the costs. Aldermanic Representative Kott stated the Historic Preservation Commission needs to get back on track for the historical look with the buildings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Wagner moved, and Aldermanic Representative Kott seconded to approve the minutes of October 3, 2018.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. A Certificate of Appropriateness application from Peter Scherrer Group for property located at **492 N. Pine Street** to install a balcony and lighting for the Liar's Club.
- Chairman Eisenhardt introduced and opened this item for discussion.
 - Leslie Pella Scherrer, Peter Scherrer Group, explained the balcony will be for the second floor and painted a similar tone as the existing building. Ms. Scherrer further explained there will be a dumpster enclosure, and spot lighting for the sign and cater door. The door will be the same style as the front door.
 - Aldermanic Representative Kott questioned what happens when the empty lot gets developed with a big building, will the balcony be in the way. Ms. Pella Scherrer answered there will be plenty of room between the two buildings.

- Aldermanic Representative Kott asked what the capacity and weight limit was for the balcony. Aldermanic Representative Kott stated even though Tall Tales is a one weekend event, a lot of people attend, and was concerned for their safety. Carly Hurley, Coffee House staff, explained there is a limit to the number of people that can enter the building for that event. The Commissioners had further discussion regarding the structural engineering of the balcony. Ms. Pella Scherrer, responded that she was not prepared to have the exact numbers with her, since this meeting was a historic meeting. Ms. Pella Scherrer explained there are structural engineers working on this project, and Gregory Guidry, Building Inspector, will be addressing any issues during inspections.
- Commissioner Capra stated the buildings nearby; the parking structure, Hampton Inn, and Charcoal Grill are not historic buildings. Commissioner Capra further stated the style of the balcony will fit in well with the surrounding area.
- Ms. Pella Scherrer explained the project will start in November and completed around the end of March. Commissioner O'Brien and Commissioner Wagner were questioning what the definition for historic meant. Aldermanic Representative Kott stated the historic downtown district started in 1835, but things are not looking the way it used to. Commissioner O'Brien replied that materials cannot be the same as the past, in order to be safe.
- Chairman Eisenhardt asked if the side windows will be stained or restored. Ms. Pella Scherrer replied those are windows with blinds pulled, made to look like they are covered up. Chairman Eisenhardt further asked if the window in the middle will be removed and replaced with a door. Aldermanic Representative Kott answered yes, and does not see an issue with the balcony.
- Commissioner Wagner commented that the fire escape will be horizontal in the rest position and that the dumpster enclosure have certain guidelines for types of material to use. Ms. Pella Scherrer responded the dumpster enclosure will be composite wood for durability.
- There were no further comments.
- Commissioner Colwell moved, and Aldermanic Representative Kott seconded to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the balcony and lighting.
- All were in favor and the motion carried.

B. A Certificate of Appropriateness application from Chantelle Archambeau for property located at **541-549 N. Pine Street** to repair all wood and trim, repaint the storefront façade, and replace the lap siding on the face of the gable.

- Chairman Eisenhardt introduced and opened this item for discussion.
- Mr. Guidry explained that the paint colors are historic, and the existing metal lap siding on the face of the gable is proposed to be wood.

- Commissioner Capra stated he found a picture from the 1800s that does not have a triangle gable or overhang, but was not sure what is underneath the overhang.
- The Commissioners had a discussion regarding the idea of removing the overhang to restore it back to its original design, instead of replacing the shingles on the overhang. Daniel Wilburth, owner, explained that this repair was a temporary fix to make the building look nice, and did not know how much the cost would be to remove the overhang.
- There were no further comments.
- Commissioner Colwell moved, and Commissioner O'Brien seconded to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness to paint the façade, stain the gate, repaint the overhang without changing the shingles, but contingent the applicant comes back with an estimate for the removal of the overhang.
- All were in favor and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Review of Façade Grant Funding Status

- Chairman Eisenhardt introduced and opened this item for discussion.
- Commissioner Eisenhardt stated there has been no changes since the last meeting on October 3, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner O'Brien moved, and Aldermanic Representative Kott seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. *All were in favor and the motion carried.*

Recording Secretary,

Kristine Anderson
Administrative Assistant