

**CITY OF SAINT PETER
HERITAGE & PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, April 28, 2020
VIRTUAL MEETING UNDER M.S. 13D.021**

The regular meeting of the Heritage Preservation Commission was called to order by Community Development Director Russ Wille at 5:37 pm. Commissioner's Larry Potts, Terry Bergemann, Emily Bruflat, and Brian Oviatt were in attendance. Absent were Commissioners Joe Metzen, Judy Douglas and Sharon Litynski. Community Development Director Russ Wille and Administrative Secretary Cindy Moulton were also in attendance.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Potts, seconded by Bruflat to approve the meeting agenda as presented. All voting in favor, the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Bergemann, seconded by Oviatt to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2020 regular meeting. All members voting in favor, the minutes were approved as presented.

Extra Innings (220 South Minnesota Avenue) Sandwich Board Sign

Wille stated that Mike Sweetman, owner of Extra Innings, has submitted a sandwich board sign application for approval.

The proposed sandwich board sign will consist of a chalkboard within a cherry wood frame. Sweetman would like to change the text on the signage regularly to advertise specials. Wille indicated that the sandwich board sign meets all of the requirements in the City Ordinance.

Wille recommended approval as requested.

A motion was made by Bruflat seconded by Potts to approve the sandwich board sign as submitted. All members voting aye, the motion carried.

Arrow Ace (201 South Minnesota Avenue) Sign Repainting

Arrow Ace Hardware currently has a sign painted on the north wall of their building located at 201 South Minnesota Avenue. Dave Neiman has requested that he be allowed to repaint the sign with an amended sign design.

Wille stated that at the time of the original painting, there was not an ordinance that prohibited the painting of signs on brick buildings in the historic downtown. Wille indicated that at the time, there was not an ordinance that prohibited the painting on the brick.

Wille indicated that the provisions within the standards suggests it would be appropriate and even best practices to maintain a painted surface of the brick building as sand blasting and chemical peels would do more damage to the brick surface than maintaining the paint.

Wille stated that the size of the painted sign would not increase in size. He also added that previous Commissions have authorized the repainting of the existing sign as it has become weathered and faded.

Oviatt was concerned that the sign was too busy with the additional logo. The spirit of the old sign is a spirit of his business. He would like to see just the logo with a simple message. He felt that five individual product identification should be removed.

Potts had some reservations about the five product signs but would be ok with leaving them on the sign.

Bruflat, also agreed the sign looks too busy because it appears asymmetrical. She suggested placing the five logos to the bottom of the sign to look it more symmetrical and make it less busy.

Bergemann also felt that the sign was too busy.

Oviatt stated that the ghost signs that exist on the historic building are very basic and felt that the amended sign is not keeping with the historic district.

Potts agreed with Bruflat's idea. He didn't think the historical purity was an issue.

A motion was made by Bergemann, seconded by Bruflat to re-appropriate the five individual logo signs to the lower part of the sign, center the Arrow Hardware & Paint and place the Expert Service, Quality Products, and Convenient so it is appropriately balanced and to scale. Members Bruflat, Bergemann, and Potts voting aye, Member Oviatt voting nay, the motion carried.

Wille will ask Neiman to come up with new artwork.

Potts asked if the new sign would be the same size as the existing.

Wille stated that it cannot be enlarged.

Olita Lighting

Wille is working with Jill Hass, owner of Olita, regarding installing solar power goose neck lighting.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Bruflat, seconded by Bergemann to adjourn. All members voting aye, the meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm.