

# HASTINGS HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

## Minutes of the Meeting of February 20, 2018

Held at 7:18 p.m. at City Hall

- I. Quorum:** Amy Martin, Goderstad, Simacek, Ussatis, Smith, and Ragan-Scully  
**Absent:** Sovik-Siemens, Ian Martin, and Jake Hauk  
**Staff:** Justin Fortney, City Planner

Chair Amy Martin called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

**II. Oath of Office – Amy Martin, Nikki Johnson**

**III. Elect Chair and Vice Chair**

Motion by Goderstad to nominate Amy Martin as chair and Rick Smith as Vice Chair, seconded by Simacek; motion approved 6-0.

**IV. Minutes: October 17, 2018**

**Motion by Goderstad for approval, seconded by Smith; motion approved 6-0.**

**V. Information and Reports**

**A. 113 2nd Street East – Hastings Family Service Sign – Committee approved**

**B. 113 2nd Street East #101 – New Sign**

Fortney presented the application.

Commissioner Scully asked what color the lettering would be. Fortney said the applicant wanted black lettering because it was her logo. Fortney said he commented to the applicant that it may not be legible because the glass can appear dark at times depending on lighting. The applicant was thankful for the comment and was going to consider it over the weekend and let staff know before the meeting if she changed her mind, but she has not contacted staff.

Chair Martin asked if there are concerns about lettering being vandalized if it is on the outside of the glass. Fortney said he has heard that this is a concern for the business owners, but the sign contractors have been adamant with their clients that the lettering should be on the outside because it is so much more visible. He added that the contractors state the window glare and even slight tinting dramatically reduce the visibility. Fortney said almost all of the permanent window signage downtown is on the outside of the glass.

Commissioner Ragan-Scully said her window stickers were partially picked off by a vandal. The sign contractor had it repaired quickly and it has not been a problem since.

**Motion by Simacek to approve the window sign as proposed, seconded by Ragan-Scully; motion approved 6-0.**

## **VI. Business**

### **A. Update - Comprehensive Plan**

Fortney updated the Commissioners on the Comprehensive Planning process. He explained that the Commissions along with the HPC will likely be reviewing a draft copy at their March meetings. Chair Martin who is on the Comprehensive Planning Steering Committee said the HPC may like to see the Committee's comments on the Preservation chapter. Fortney said he could provide the draft comments.

### **B. Update - Hudson Building**

Fortney provided an update of the property sale and project. He added that the closing has been delayed due to the title company determining that part of an alley under a building was never officially vacated.

### **C. City's Website**

Chair Martin mentioned that it is difficult to find the HPC approval application on the website. The Commissioners looked at the website and directed staff to rename the application link.

## **VII. Adjourn.**

**Motion by Smith, second by Ragan-Scully to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm;  
motion approved 6-0.**

Respectfully Submitted  
Justin fortney