

HASTINGS HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting of April 19 2022

Held at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

I. Quorum: Toppin, Simacek, Smith, Peterson, Youngren, and Borchardt.

Absent: Sovik Siemens, Blasing, and Chouman.

Staff Present: Justin Fortney, City Planner

Chair Toppin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

II. Minutes: February 15, 2022

Chair Toppin approved the minutes without any corrections.

III. Certificate of Approval Review

A. 119 2nd Street E – New awnings and wood trim

Commissioner Borchardt asked if the materials were going to be wood, composite, or a vinyl material. Fortney said the applicant said their contractor was going to find a wood trim with the same profile as the existing. Toppin asked if the Commission can specify the material. Fortney said yes, if they believe a material would cause a change to the appearance some other issue. Fortney said the Commission routinely approves alternate materials with the same finished appearance as existed. Commissioner Simacek said they routinely approve composite materials, like windows.

Toppin asked if there are any historic retractable awnings in the downtown. Fortney said he does not know the history of the existing awnings. He said it has been many years since one was installed due to cost, maintenance, and daily operation. He added that retractable awnings are not as necessary as they once were because their passive functionality to control light, heat, and temperature are largely controllable by electric lights and a thermostat.

Toppin said the awnings look appropriate and asked if the material would be the same as the Spiral Brewery awning. Fortney said it is likely, but he is not certain. He added that the Design Guidelines require awning material to be of the non-shiny canvas appearing type. He said the proposed Sunbrella brand is the most common. He added that it and similar brands appear as traditional canvas, but are highly durable, waterproof, and resistant to fading.

Motion by Smith to approve the proposal as presented, seconded by Youngren; motion approved 6-0.

B. 209 Sibley Street – New Sign

Fortney presented the staff report. He added that the proposed projecting sign has a diameter of two feet, will have a required clearance of eight feet from the sidewalk, and will not project more than two and a half feet from the wall.

Fortney said that projecting sign materials are required to be wood or metal. He said the proposed sign is a composite with an MDF core, which is a wood product.

Commissioner Peterson said the sign looks very nice. Commissioner Simacek said the sign bracket looks appropriate.

Motion by Simacek to approve the sign as proposed, seconded by Smith; motion approved 6-0.

IV. Business

A. Century Home Update

Chair Toppin updated the commission on the upcoming Century Home contest. She said this would be a Facebook contest for the community's favorite of three homes built 100-yers ago this year.

V. Adjourn

Motion by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm, seconded by Borchardt; motion approved 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted - Justin Fortney