

# HASTINGS HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

## Minutes of the Meeting of March 19, 2024

Held at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, Volunteer Room

**I. Call to Order and Quorum** Youngren, McCoy, Bremer, Simacek, Toppin, Smith, and Peterson.

Absent: Borchardt and Alitz Edell

Staff: Fortney

Councilmember: Pemble

**II. Minutes:**

**A. January 16, 2024** Approved by Chair Toppin

**III. Certificate of Approval Review**

**A. 221 2nd Street E – Extend Railings**

Fortney presented the staff report. Chair Toppin said it might be more beneficial to color the porch curb rather than to extend the railings. Fortney said he would pass along the suggestion but added that the commission must act on the application based on the Design Guidelines.

Commissioner Simacek commented that the porch is private and not heavily utilized.

Commissioner Youngren said the owner has placed many large planters in the porch to hinder skateboarders.

**Motion by Commissioner Simacek to approve the request as proposed, seconded by Commissioner Peterson. Approved 7-0**

**IV. OHDS – Original Hastings Design Standards Review**

**V. Business and Information**

**A. Preservation Awards Committee**

Fortney and Chair Toppin provided some background information on the Preservation Awards. Fortney said they are typically presented at the second City Council meeting in May, which is the 20<sup>th</sup>. He added that May is Historic Preservation Month.

The commissioners discussed the past criteria and categories used for the awards. They also discussed moving the century home plaque contest earlier so the winner will have more preparation time to attend the City Council award presentation if they wish.

Commissioners Toppin, Peterson, and Bremer were interested in serving on a committee to make recommendations. Commissioner Youngren said he is willing to take photographs of the recipients.

**B.** Chair Toppin said she will be out of town for the April 16, 2024 HPC meeting.

**VI. Adjourn**

**Motion by Commissioner Smith to adjourn at 7:23 pm, seconded by  
Commissioner McCoy. Approved 7-0**

Respectfully Submitted - Justin Fortney