

City of Livingston Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

Date: August 16, 2022

A special meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held in the conference room of the Livingston City Hall, 220 E. Park Street on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 3:30 PM.

I. Call To Order: 3:40 by Commissioner Nemetz

II. Roll Call:

Present: Jack Luther, Tom Blurock, Lindi Gibson, Ron Nemetz

City Staff: Jim Woodhull

III. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes for August 9th were approved as submitted.

IV. Public Comments:

No public comment from attendees.

V. Design Review:

Thompson Block, 101 N. Main Street. Discussion of an email received from Jeff Reed regarding two new options for the rehabilitation of the Thompson Block were discussed.

Option 1 A proposal to strip and paint the Main Street side and cover the Callender Street side with façade brick.

Option 2 Apply stucco to the entire building.

Discussion followed with all members expressing a need for Mr. Reed to return with additional information regarding the removal of the lead based paint other than harsh cleaning methods such as sandblasting. The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings were used as a reference for the discussion.

A motion was made by commissioner Luther to deny both options and to request Mr. Reed to return with new options for the building's renovation more in line with the Secretary's Standards, seconded by commissioner Blurock and passed unanimously.

VI. New Business:

VII. Old Business:

1. The Wolf's Mercantile sign mounting is not as presented to the commission at its October meeting and approved at its November 2021 meetings. No permit was issued for the sign.

A request will be made by Mr. Woodhull for the building owner to attend the September HPC meeting.

2. Following talk about the replacement of Jessie Nunn and the continuation or abandonment of the project, commissioner Nemetz agreed to contact MSU to see if students there might be interested in the project.
3. The sign code revisions have not been acted upon by the Zoning commission.
4. Mr. Woodhull will request the property owners of the Hyatt House and Tom's Jeweler's to repair/refinish their signs as required by the sign code and/or attend the next HPC meeting.
5. Commissioner Luther was elected as Vice-chair to replace Bob Ebenger for the remainder of his term.
6. Commissioner Nemetz stated the yearly HPC report was never presented to the city commission as it was never one of their agenda items.
7. An interview is scheduled Thursday for Mathiew Menards replacement.

VIII. Staff Update:

IX. Committee Member Comments:

X. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 4:41 PM.