



Historical Preservation Commission Minutes

The regular meeting of the Historical Preservation Commission was held April 11, 2023 at 3:30 PM in the Community Room of the City/County Building at 414 E. Callender Street. This meeting was facilitated by Chair Jack Luther.

1. Call to Order – 3:35 pm

2. Roll Call (recording 0:10 mins.)

In attendance: Commissioners Jack Luther (via zoom), Ron Nemetz, Kristin Vanderland, Lindie Gibson and Tom Blurock; Staff: Jennifer Severson.

3. Approved March 14, 2023 Minutes (recording 0:43 mins.)

- Motion to approve by Blurock, second by Gibson
- Motion passes 4-0 (Nemetz abstained)

4. General Public Comments (none)

5. New Business

A. Reviewed and Approved HPC 2022 Annual Report to be presented to the City Commission (recording 1:40 mins.)

- Presented by Severson
- **Motion to approve and forward to the City Commission by Nemetz; second by Blurock.**
- **Motion passes 5-0**
- Severson confirmed this will be presented to City Commission April 18, 2023.

B. Design Review- Soul Dog Studio & Flying Fox Fine Art, window sign (recording 7:57 mins.)

- Applicant Lyn St. Clair clarified signs will all be decals- only applied to door window at this time
- Luther asked questions
- Applicant responded- confirmed also will install heavy bronze flower boxes in front of store
- **Blurock made motion to approve decal and flower boxes with request to applicant to send photos of planted flower boxes once completed; second by Gibson**
- **Motion passes 5-0**

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- Applicant confirmed will not interfere with pedestrian movement/ sidewalk and will be well anchored

C. Design Review- Blend Smoothie Co. sign, lighting, paint/trim (recording 14:20 mins.)

- Applicants Jason and Brittni Mayfield available for questions
- Applicant confirmed where work will take place; 2 doors on Main- door on left and 3 windows to left of that door will be offices/ private entrance (no signs/ decals on these); door on right and 4 windows to right are the actual store/ public entrance (decals will be on these windows and the Lewis St windows); Door on Lewis is service entrance
- Applicant confirmed neon sign will be projecting at corner of building (Lewis and Main) is 45-inch diameter sign; will use existing sign hanger on building; window decals will not overlap the window frames (will be within the glass area)
- Severson clarified what is within HPC consideration purview; neon sign cannot be installed until after sign code update is effective mid-May 2023; may apply for permit now
- Applicant confirmed color change will be on façade immediately above windows/ doors facing Main St and above windows on Lewis; will match window trim
- Blurock made motion to approve; second by Vanderland
- Luther commented he does not support neon sign design
- Severson asked for amended motion to separate neon sign from the rest of the proposed repairs into two motions
- Applicant confirmed only one neon sign is proposed; other signs are window/ door window decals
- Blurock amended motion- **motion to approve all improvements other than neon sign; second by Vanderland**
- **Motion passes 5-0**
- Gibson made motion to approve neon sign; second by Vanderland
- Motion passes 4-1 (Luther dissented)

D. TruNorth Café- design modification (added to agenda during meeting) (recording 29:35 mins.)

- Contractor and Owner attended to answer questions
- Contractor provided details of changes to approved repairs

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- Awning above doors and windows will not be replaced
- Left door will be replaced as a window (door does not currently open);
- Fiber cement cladding and trim applied to all surfaces below original awning height - will be smooth texture.
- Existing stucco above original awning height and recessed panels below all windows and above side windows will be Van Deusen Blue HC156 by Benjamin Moore.
- Trim and raised details painted custom color to match storefront cladding (dark bronze/ charcoal black color).
- Sign design will be presented at future HPC meeting
- Nemetz commented on ability to return left side window to door if needed to meet NPS Historic Register guidelines.
- **Blurock made motion to approve; second by Gibson.**
- **Motion passes 5-0.**

6. Old Business

A. Hiatt House- sign repair owner update (recording 41:25 mins)

- Owner provided status update on sign damage and repairs; confirmed neon letter recently fixed but another broke- working on getting that fixed; would like to change black background on projecting sign to gunmetal blue/ grey (match 'bar' sign below)- lighter than current black color; will paint sign this summer- maybe June or July 2023; once painted it will take up to a week to cure/ dry.
- Severson confirmed that as long as owner is actively working to remedy code violation, no further enforcement action necessary by City at this time.
- Severson directed owner to send photo or sample of sign paint color to her to attach to file; color must be reviewed by HPC before painting begins.
- Vanderland suggested owner look into URA for façade improvement funding for sign work.

B. Update on Wolf's Mercantile Sign Code Violation and ongoing enforcement (recording 59:20 mins)

- Severson confirmed the city permitted and inspected the existing sign (including installation method) so no further action required by the owner and enforcement case is closed.
- Blurock requested the City make it clear this installation method is not allowed in the code.

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- Severson confirmed downtown sidewalk is City owned and maintained right-of-way.
- Sean Batura was in zoom meeting as guest (Livingston Enterprise) but had no comments.

7. Board Comments (recording 1:06:19 mins)

- none

8. Adjournment (4:41 pm – per recording)