

**HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
Tuesday, January 9, 2018**

A meeting of the Heritage Preservation Commission was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. Meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum declared. Members present: Elizabeth McCabe, Anthony Koenders, Linsey Prunty, JohnMcCallum, and Council Liaison Rodger Smidt. Absent: Dawn Heidebrink. Others present: Doug Fortune, City Building Official.

CHANGE OF AGENDA

Approved as given. Only change is sequence – allowing the conference to be discussed first.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Koenders made motion to approve the minutes from Tuesday, September 12, 2017 Regular Meeting and Tuesday, October 17, 2017 Special Meeting minutes. Prunty seconded. (HPC Regular meeting on Tuesday, November not held due to the City Offices being locked and no key available)

NEW BUSINESS

Statewide Historic Preservation Conference. Fortune and Koenders attended the conference in September 2017. Fortune went to presentation of how businesses work with the city governments in a joint venture to bring the buildings back to life. He said the bigger cities have more funds and businesses involved. In Pipestone, city funds are limited. The presentation mentioned that owners of historic buildings should visit the building official in their town first. Codes are different in cities. Presentation was well received. Both Fortune and Koenders went on the Frank Lloyd Wright tour. Hotel chain bought and designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and the chain did their best to bring back the hotel to original. Wright's house is a museum. Koenders learned in one of the presentations that the commission members should not discuss in detail the business normally brought up at meetings. Since HPC meetings are required to be open to the public, discussing business in person or via email in detail is not permitted since the public is left out. Both agreed that they made a lot of contacts at the conference. Fortune brought up his work with the blighted properties in Pipestone and he shared this information with other cities. Koenders meet with Michael Koop and gave him the packet of information on the Ferris Grand/Masonic Hall (Susan Hoskins, Director of Pipestone County Museum, prepared for Koenders to bring along with him to the conference). Fortune also met with Michael Koop and gave him copy of report Fortune prepared on the Saratoga Hotel with photos and diagrams.

Annual HPC Report.

Members reviewed the report and found it complete.

Carnegie Library

Fortune brought up about the Carnegie Library Building (Senior Center) is needing a new roof. He could not get a quote on replacing the wood shingles on the roof from any construction company. Fortune ran around while at conference to see if there was an alternative for the wood shingles. Slate would be too heavy a material. He found a synthetic slate made from recycled tires. The material is hail resistant and resistant to cold temps. Fortune showed the commission members a sample. The material was approved by Natasha Wiener, the Preservation Architect. Fortune said there is no regular grant available but Michael Koop sent him a legacy grant application recently.

Stonehouse Supper Club and Quarry Lounge

Fortune will contact the Commission on the signs Bob Ruler would like for the new restaurant and bar. Bob Ruler is requesting two signs – one on the west for the Quarry Lounge and one in front for the Stonehouse Supper Club. No design yet. Fortune will bring to HPC's attention when prepared.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of Officers was held. McCallum nominated Koenders for Chairperson. Koenders accepted. Prunty seconded. All approved.

Koenders nominated Prunty as Vice Chairperson. Prunty accepted. McCabe seconded. All approved.

Koenders nominated McCabe as Secretary. Accepted. McCallum seconded. All approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Health Seekers Building

Koenders asked about the latest update on the building. Prunty believes the location is up for sale and no longer planning a bar.

HPI and St. Paul's Church

McCallum gave an update on the HPI and St. Paul's Church. Open house went very well and a group has rented St. Paul's for Sunday services. McCallum is very grateful for the grant obtained to put in heat and air conditioning.

Calumet Inn

Fortune brought up an issue with the Calumet Inn and had to barricade the sidewalk on the south side of the building. A stone, about fifteen (15) pounds fell on January 2, 2018 from the building and other stones are loose. He is concerned about the upcoming weather if snow builds up, the stones that are loose, weighing about thirty (30) to fifty (50) pounds may also fall. On December 18, 2017 a window fell on the west side near the back of Pizza Ranch. Fortune contacted the out of town owner and then contacted local management and the local management is trying to get a contractor. Fortune mentioned he has the Calumet Inn on his blighted list. Fortune said the hotel would like to remove the wood from the top windows on the south side and fill with stone comparable to the quartzite. Fortune will prepare the material to present to the HPC for their next meeting.

Thoughtfulness Shop/Austin building

The last Fortune heard about this building is that a jewelry sales and repair shop was going to be renting. There was mention that maybe someone is living downstairs and Fortune said he would look into it.

Movie Theatre building

Fortune told HPC that the county removed the entire wall in the back of the building and secured the area. He also brought up that the roof is shot. If snow piles on top of the roof, the roof might collapse and take the west side of the art studio down. He contacted the county who owns the building and they will have to get an engineer to determine how to protect the art studio next door. The building will have to come down.

AquaPol Dehydration System

Update on meeting with Don Brown and Michael Clancy of Aqua Pol. HPC heard the presentation on AquaPol on Tuesday, October 17, 2017. The next day Heidebrink and McCabe meet with them and they were shown the basement of PPAC and the basement of the Moore Building as well as Clothier

by Dawn's building. They tested for how much moisture was present in each location and then sent a report with photos to Susan Hoskins at the Museum and to Heidebrink. McCabe will get the report from Susan Hoskins and make copies for HPC and Doug Fortune.

ADJOURNMENT

Koenders made motion to adjourn the meeting and Prunty seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Elizabeth McCabe, Secretary