

MINUTES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
January 15, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Roseland, Jean Kessloff, Richard Grable, Shawn Krull, Cynthia Matson, Duane Baumgartner

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Colgan, Brad Mohler, Kent Kennedy, Michelle Dennis, David Viall, Karen Bulman, Sharlene Mitchell

Call To Order

Roseland called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Bulman requested that the 2010 Home Show be added under New Business. Kessloff requested that Historic Preservation Month be added under New Business. **Baumgartner moved, Matson seconded and carried unanimously to approve the meeting agenda as amended.**

519 6th Street (09CM003)

Colgan presented the request to remove the dressing rooms to accommodate the new tenant use as a bicycle shop.

Baumgartner moved, Krull seconded and carried unanimously to recommend a finding that the removal of the two existing dressing rooms on the property located at 519 6th Street will have no adverse effect on historic property.

1011 Mt Rushmore Road (10CM004)

Mohler presented the request to remodel the exterior façade of the structure located at 1011 Mt Rushmore Road by removing the two south windows and the north single door and installing a double door at the main entrance. Mohler presented examples of various finish textures being considered for the drivit siding.

In response to a question from Krull, Mohler stated that the adjacent property to the west is the old hospital building. Krull recommended that the brick color of the adjacent property be considered when selecting the final color choice for the 1011 Mt Rushmore Road structure.

Kessloff moved, Grable seconded and carried unanimously to recommend a finding that filling and sealing of the two south windows and north door, adding double doors to the main entrance, replacing the existing windows with new, and residing and painting to match on the property located at 1011 Mt Rushmore Road will have no adverse effect on historic property, with the recommendation that the brick color of the adjacent west building be taken into consideration when selecting the final building color.

523 6th Street (10CM002)

Kennedy indicated that the request is to install a drop ceiling in the entryway to conceal the exposed piping and to install travertine tile over the existing flooring using thin set. Kennedy indicated that there would be no additional openings placed in the ceiling area noting that the original ceiling and flooring materials would not be removed.

Kennedy briefly commented on the lobby side non-building permit alterations to remove or use sheetrock to cover over the brick surrounding the restaurant entrance doors and install a beam appliqué above the door. Kennedy indicated that these alterations would give the lobby décor a more cohesive appearance.

Krull complemented Kennedy noting that the proposal permits the future restoration of the historic materials should it be warranted. In response to a question from Kessloff, Kennedy indicated that the installation of the travertine tile will not further damage the original flooring. In response to a question from Kessloff, Kennedy stated that there would be no additional openings placed in the entryway ceiling.

Krull moved, Baumgartner seconded and carried unanimously to recommend a finding that the installation of a drop ceiling in the entryway to conceal the existing exposed pipes and openings and the use of thin set to install travertine tile over the entryway flooring with the understanding that no further openings will be made to the ceiling area and the original flooring will remain under the new travertine to allow for future restoration of both historic elements on the property located at 523 6th Street will have no adverse effect on historic property.

Treasurer's Report

Bulman requested authorization to purchase two notebooks for the Historic Preservation Commissioner manuals. **Baumgartner moved, Grable seconded and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of two notebooks for the Historic Preservation Commissioner manuals in an approximate amount of \$14.00.**

2010 Home Show

Bulman reviewed the dates and times for the 2010 Home Show noting that the Commission members are responsible for continuously manning the booth during the show hours. Discussion followed regarding the various materials displayed in the booth. Krull volunteered to assist with the booth design and display materials. Kessloff commented on the items from the Court House renovation that were displayed during the 2009 Home Show.

Historic Preservation Month

Kessloff briefly addressed the activities and projects that have been utilized to promote Preservation Month. In response to a request from Kessloff, Krull volunteered to assist with the Preservation Month projects.

Individual Nomination Project

Discussion followed regarding the eligibility status of the alfalfa palace and the red barn located on the Pennington County Fairgrounds property. Dennis indicated that she has contacted the State Historic Preservation Office regarding the eligibility status of the alfalfa palace.

Photo Documentation Project

Kessloff indicated that she is continuing to photograph properties as the weather allows. In response to a question from Krull, Roseland indicated that the intent of the project is to provide a photographic history of the West Boulevard structures.

Other Business

Kessloff invited the members to attend the State Historic Preservation Office presentation by Chris Nelson to the West Boulevard Homeowners Association on January 25, 2010 noting that the topic would be the preservation of historic property.

Roseland suggested that the Commission consider submitting an application for 2012 funding with the funding being utilize to restore the facades of downtown historic properties. Krull and Kessloff voiced support for the funding request and recommended that an application be submitted for the current program. Discussion followed regarding the project elements that should be included in the application. Bulman encouraged the Commission to identify the economic benefit of the project in the application request. Discussion followed regarding the March 15, 2010 deadline and the possibility of creating a revolving fund for preservation projects.

Kessloff presented the Power of Main Street video airing on YouTube. Discussion followed regarding downtown improvement projects. Krull recommended that the City be encouraged to leave the tree Christmas lights up year around as they enhance the open and vibrant look of the downtown area. Discussion followed regarding retaining the tree Christmas lights up year around.

Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m.