

MINUTES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
September 3, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Roseland, Jean Kessloff, Richard Grable, Tamara Pier, Shawn Krull, Cynthia Matson, Duane Baumgartner, Michael Bender, Eric James, Bonny Petersen, Council Liaison

OTHERS PRESENT: James Van Nuys, Beth Palmer, Vicki Boll, Marcia Elkins, Sharlene Mitchell

Call to Order

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

Approval of Meeting Agenda

The following item was added to the agenda:

- Treasurer's Report – National Trust for Historic Preservation Membership \$20

Matson moved, James seconded and carried unanimously to approve the meeting agenda as amended.

516 Sixth Street (10CM032)

Van Nuys presented the request to remove the existing transom and replace it with clear glass. Van Nuys indicated that the existing glass is a safety hazard noting that the clear glass transom will allow more natural light into the building interior and improve the visual appearance of the store façade.

Roseland presented historic photographs of the 516 Sixth Street building noting that the historic district survey indicates that the original transom has been altered.

Van Nuys indicated that the current condition of the transom is a safety hazard. In response to a question from Pier, Van Nuys indicated that the vent is non-functioning. In response to a question from James, Van Nuys indicated that the new transom would match the store front design.

Kessloff stated that the altered transom has gained historic value in its own right, noting that there are grant programs available that could assist with the transom restoration.

Bender suggested that the alteration referenced in the history survey is most likely the vent penetration noting that this is a minor alteration. Bender indicated that if the vent is non-functioning it can be removed and the glass restored. Discussion followed regarding the availability of stain glass artisans with both stain/lead glass and structural restoration disciplines.

Roseland indicated that it would be necessary to remove the transom should restoration be feasible. Matson briefly noted the documentation requirements of the Deadwood grant.

Van Nuys indicated that the offset transom design detracts from the building. Discussion followed regarding allowing the transom to be removed and restored and the Commission members researching grant programs for financial assistance with the project.

Kessloff indicated that a local stain glass artist has volunteered to inspect the transom with regard to the feasibility of its restoration and recommended that the application be continued to the September 17, 2010 meeting.

Palmer indicated that the artist in question is not familiar with the structural issues associated with the transom.

Bender commented on the downtown buildings that have glass fronts installed over existing transoms for energy efficiency and encouraged Van Nuys to consider that option. Bender expressed his opinion that the transom glass is original to the structure. Discussion followed regarding the possible redesign of the storefront resulting in the offset transom.

Kessloff moved to continue the 516 Sixth Street application to the September 17, 2010 meeting to allow for further research on the restoration and stabilization of the transom, to allow further research on the history of the transom and to allow the Commission to research grant programs to assist financially with the restoration project. Krull seconded the motion.

Krull indicated that he would contact a second stain glass artist regarding inspection of the transom.

The motion to continue the 516 Sixth Street application to the September 17, 2010 meeting to allow for further research on the restoration and stabilization of the transom, to allow further research on the history of the transom and to allow the Commission to research grant programs to assist financially with the restoration project carried with Kessloff, Pier, Krull, Baumgartner and Bender voting Yes and Roseland, Grable, Matson and James voting No.

Discussion followed regarding researching the Deadwood grant program. Pier indicated that the available options for the transom project included replacement, cover in place, and remove, restore and replace.

621 Sixth Street (10CM033)

Boll presented the application to install three awnings over the rear entrance doors to the United Way Building. Boll provided an example of the bracket that will hold the awnings in place. Boll indicated that this is a new building located within the environs of the individually listed City Library building.

Krull moved, James seconded and carried unanimously to recommend a finding that the installation of three awnings over the rear entrance doors on the property located at 621 Sixth Street will have no adverse effect on historic property.

Approval of Minutes

Krull moved, Matson seconded and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2010 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Mitchell reviewed the Treasurer's report noting the OfficeMax and National Trust billings. **Krull moved, Matson seconded and carried unanimously to approve the OfficeMax billing of**

\$9.79, the National Trust membership billing of \$20.00 and the Treasurer's report as presented.

New Business

Roseland indicated that he would contact Goetzinger regarding attending a future Commission meeting to discuss the recommendations of the Report and the actions taken by City Council. In response to a question, Elkins indicated that the Council would take action on the Report at the September 7, 2010 meeting.

Discussion followed regarding the report recommendations and effective methods for quantifying the Commission's progress on those recommendations. Elkins recommended that the Commission schedule a special meeting for the Goetzinger discussion given the issues that need to be reviewed.

Pier recommended that a facilitated meeting to be scheduled to provide a structured discussion on the Report, the adopted Comprehensive Plan and the implementation processes.

In response to a question, Elkins indicated that the Report is on the consent calendar for "acknowledgement" only. Elkins noted that the Report can be pulled from the consent calendar for individual discussion. Discussion followed regarding the Commission working with Goetzinger regarding the recommendations contained in the report. In response to a question, Elkins clarified that this is not the final report of the Historic Study Commission, rather an interim report.

Commissioner Timesheet Report

Mitchell presented the summary of timesheets submitted by the Commission.

Other Business

Roseland welcomed James to the Commission. James provided a brief summary of his professional qualifications. Mitchell requested that James provide a resume for grant purposes.

Roseland welcomed Petersen to the Commission as Council Liaison.

Kessloff encouraged the members to commit the time necessary to thoroughly review and research the 11.1 applications and to follow the Comprehensive Plan when making recommendations on the applications.

Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 a.m.