



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Heritage Preservation Commission

Thursday, February 16, 2017

6:00 PM

3rd Floor Conference Room

Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Present: 5 - Charles Clemence, Vacant 1, Chris Kahlow, Phillip A. Ostrem, Ariel Beaujot

Excused: 2 - Terence R. Collins, Daniel Manke

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the October 20, 2016 Meeting Minutes.

Phil Ostrem moved to approve the minutes. Ariel Beaujot seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Agenda Items:

2. [17-0222](#) Review Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the property located at 111-115 3rd Street S.

Chris Kahlow moved to open a public hearing. Phil Ostrem seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Mark Nolop explained his issue to the Commission and his desire to not have to replace all of the window openings with windows. Mr. Nolop felt that the cost of replacing approximately 20+ window openings with windows was not financially feasible, especially when he does not intend to use the upper floors for anything that would need windows. Council Member James Cherf stated they he feels that the design standards should have some flexibility with no street facing facades and intends to work on an amendment to the Ordinance. Chris Kahlow moved to close the public hearing. Charles Clemence seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Phil Ostrem moved to refer the item for 60 days to see what changes will be made to the Ordinance. The motion failed due to the lack of a second. Chris Kahlow moved to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness in order to be consistent and enforce the standards that were adopted by the Common Council. Phil Ostrem seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

3. [17-0220](#) Review Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the property located at 417 Jay Street.
- Chris Kahlow moved to open a public hearing. Phil Ostrem seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Peggy Heinz explained her issue to the Commission and her desire to not have to replace a window opening with a window as it is currently being used to vent out interior equipment that is located directly behind the window opening. Installing a window would be difficult as the pipe used to vent the equipment would have to go through it. Chris Kahlow moved to close the public hearing. Phil Ostrem seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Phil Ostrem moved to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness in order to be consistent and enforce the standards that were adopted by the Common Council. The Commission did not feel that there was any flexibility with the standards for special circumstances. Charles Clemence seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Ariel Beaujot abstained.*
4. [17-0212](#) Discussion on ISG Report for Veteran's Memorial Municipal Pool.
- Chris Kahlow moved to open a public hearing. Charles Clemence seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Jacob Sciammas gave an overview of a report from ISG regarding Memorial Pool and two concepts for renovation/restoration. One concept preserve much of the bathhouse and the existing shape of the pool. The shape of the pool would be reduce in size to make it more conducive for lap swimming but would retain the original shape of a cross. The second concept also preserved much of the bathhouse but significantly altered the shape, concept and scope of the pool area. The Commission stated that they would support whatever option that would preserve as much of the bathhouse and shape of the pool as possible and concept #1 was the closest option that reflected that stance. It was also stated that any significant changes to the shape of the pool or bathhouse may need to obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness for Demolition or a request to de-list the property as a historic landmark.*
5. Discussion on Orders to Correct issued within the Downtown Historic District.
- Chris Kahlow expressed her concern to the Commission about the Orders to Correct that were issued to many Downtown property owners. Her concern was due to the lack of communication between the Inspection's Department and the Heritage Preservation Commission before the letter was sent out. As a result it was felt that the tone of the letter was unclear as to who was behind the Orders to Correct. Chris Kahlow clearly expressed to the Commission and those who were in attendance that the Heritage Preservation Commission was not responsible for sending the letters to the property owners. Chris Kahlow also stated that the Commission needed to do a better job of informing and educating Downtown business and property owners about the Design Standards so they are aware of what the requirements are.*
6. [17-0221](#) 2017 Code of Ethics.
- Charles Clemence went over the Code of Ethics with the Commission.*
7. Update on Heritage Preservation Website.
- Staff went through the website pages that have been created for the Heritage Preservation Commission. No action was taken.*

Next Meeting Date/Agenda Items

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.

Notice is further given that members of other governmental bodies may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.

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