



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

Heritage Preservation Commission

Thursday, September 23, 2021

6:00 PM

Southside Neighborhood Center- 1300 6th St S

In efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the Heritage Preservation Commission meeting will be conducted through video conferencing. You may participate in the meeting with the following links.

<https://call.lifesizecloud.com/4796124>

or

Click to call from Mobile (audio only)

United States: +1 (877) 422-8614,, 4796124#

Or you may attend in person at the Southside Neighborhood Center located at 1300 6th Street S.

To view and listen to the meeting only please use the following link:

<https://stream.lifesizecloud.com/extension/4796124/c7d43560-fea7-4613-9625-63af875bee87>

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm.

Roll Call

Terry Collins is also in attendance as a Commission Member.

Present: 4 - John J. Satory, David Riel, Janet Allen, Mackenzie Mindel

Excused: 2 - Laura Godden, Jennifer Morris

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the August 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

John Satory moved to approve the minutes. CM Mindel seconded. The motion passed 5-0 by voice vote.

Agenda Items:

[21-1377](#)

Review of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the property located at 421 Jay Street. (Downtown Commercial Historic District)

Staff provided an overview of the project. Proposed is a new building in the Downtown Historic District. Building is four stories in height with commercial on the first floor and residential on the upper floors. Building is reviewed per

the design standards for the district. Overall the building meets the design standards, particularly in form, architectural features, and exterior materials. Building fits into the Downtown while still distinctly standing out as a modern building. Staff recommended approval with some minor design related conditions involving the cornice, exterior materials, rooftop mechanicals, and the placement of a window on the ground floor of the alley. John Satory asked where the metal panels were. Staff stated they were on the fourth story. John Satory asked if they had to provide parking. Staff stated that they did not because they are in a parking district. CM Mindel asked if the metal panels were appropriate. Staff stated that they are if used correctly. This material helps illustrate the building being modern. It is also located on the fourth floor where it is less visible. Terry Collins moved to open a public hearing. John Satory seconded. The motion passed 5-0 by voice vote. Kyle Olson with DBS Group stated that the owner wanted to develop an upscale modern residential building that fit into the Downtown. Kyle stated that economics and cost of materials will help determine if the proposed building, as well as the design conditions, will be built. Terry Collins asked if the staff conditions will affect the project. Kyle stated that he did not know that at this time. Will have to go back and determine costs. If anything changes they will bring it back to the Commission. David Riel complimented Kyle on the design and the multiple architectural features. David also stated that he supports staff's recommendation. David also advocates for continuing the belt course around onto the side facades. Janet Allen stated that it would compliment the adjacent buildings. CM Mindel asked if the previous building had burned down. Kyle stated that it had. CM Mindel asked if pictures of the previous building had been used in the design of the proposed building. Kyle stated that they did look at the previous pictures but also wanted to give the building its own personality. CM Mindel also added that she supports a window being added to the storefront on the alley facade. CM Mindel also stated that she has concerns about the metal panels but appreciated the explanation about their use in the design. Kyle stated that is a commercial grade material that has some character to it. CM Mindel also stated that she was excited and impressed with the design of the new building and felt that it was important that was done correctly. Terry Collins moved to close the public hearing. David Riel seconded. The motion passed 5-0 by voice vote. David Riel moved to approve staff recommendation as well as the condition to wrap the cornice and belt course around the side facades and that rooftop mechanical meet design standards. Terry Collins seconded. The motion passed 5-0 by voice vote.

[21-1105](#)

Review of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the property located at 924 Cass Street. (10th & Cass District)

Staff reported that they had not heard from the applicant and recommended referring it again to the October Meeting. David Riel moved to refer this item to the October meeting. Terry Collins seconded. The motion passed 5-0 by voice vote.

Update on Heritage Preservation Intern Projects.

Staff stated that Kayla Price is working on the demolition process of the City that would include demolition by neglect. Also working on other ordinances amendments regarding the Commission and signage in the historic districts.

Adjournment

Terry Collins moved to adjourn the meeting. John Satory seconded. The motion passed 5-0 by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:38pm.

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.

NOTICE TO PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY

Requests from persons with a disability who need assistance to participate in this meeting should call the City Clerk's office at (608) 789-7510 or send an email to ADAcityclerk@cityoflacrosse.org, with as much advance notice as possible.