

MINUTES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Monday, February 10, 2014
City Hall, Room 210
4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS: Chairperson Roger Retzlaff, Ald. Mark Steuer, Ald. Dave Boyce, Susan Ley

EXCUSED: Jeanine Mead, Chris Naumann, Jacqueline Frank

The meeting was called to order by Roger Retzlaff at 4:00 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

- a. Approve January 13, 2014 Minutes

Motion made by Ald. Steuer to approve the January 13, 2014 Minutes, seconded by Susan Ley. All in favor. Motion carried.

- b. Modify and adopt agenda

Motion made by Susan Ley to remove Item 5(a) from the agenda, seconded by Ald. Steuer. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. DESIGN REVIEWS

- a. Review and discuss renovations at 143 N. Broadway

Bruce Lindberg of Sign Solutions appeared on behalf of Kelsey Johnson who is the owner of Vibe Dance Center. Her studio is located behind Karvana and she would like to put a projecting sign on Broadway to advertise the studio and indicate that the entrance is in the back. The sign would be hung between Karvana and the building to the south of it.

Bruce stated the permit has been issued and a hold harmless agreement has been signed. He has not spoken with On Broadway because the owner is not applying for a signage grant.

Motion made by Ald. Steuer to approve the renovations at 143 N. Broadway contingent upon informing On Broadway, Inc. of the proposed sign, seconded by Ald. Boyce.

Ald. Boyce stated he is very impressed with the design and color of the sign. Susan Ley feels it brings vibrancy to the district. Ald. Steuer agrees.

All in favor. Motion carried.

- b. Review and discuss renovations at 914 S. Quincy

Kathy Bialkowski (owner) and Mike Bennett (contractor) are present at the meeting. Kathy and Lee Bialkowski would like Mike Bennett Construction, LLC to build them a garage. Mike has already met with the inspection department. The garage would match the house except Dryvit (synthetic, thin coat stucco) will be used instead of stucco. It will be single stalled and used mainly for storage. The home currently has an attached garage but is only large enough to hold their two cars.

Roger suggested adding casings around the openings which would replicate the window and door casings on the house. Kathy indicated a window may also be added, which would match the windows on the house.

Motion made by Susan Ley to approve the renovations at 914 S. Quincy, seconded by Ald. Steuer, with the recommendation to add the casings suggested by Roger Retzlaff.

All in favor. Motion carried.

ADDITION TO AGENDA

Motion made by Ald. Steuer to amend the agenda in order to add the following item to the design reviews, seconded by Susan Ley. All in favor. Motion carried.

- c. Review and discuss renovations at 154 N. Broadway

Mike Bennett (contractor) stated this property is across the street from Vibe (discussed above) and is called Salon 54. The request is also for a projecting sign. Mike stated inspection has approved it and the hold harmless agreement has been signed. The sign will consist of brushed metal and have a little dimension to it.

Motion made by Ald. Steuer to approve the renovations at 154 N. Broadway contingent upon informing On Broadway, Inc. of the proposed sign, seconded by Susan Ley. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 3. **REPORTS:** None
- 4. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
- 5. **CONTINUING BUSINESS**

- a. Strategic Planning

No discussion.

- b. Discuss 2014 calendar and priorities

Roger gave everyone a handout regarding the status of the five projects they are currently working on:

- ✓ strategic planning
- ✓ historic properties designations
- ✓ building demolition waiting period
- ✓ 2014 awards program
- ✓ update of website

Ald. Steuer stated he has put in a request recommending additions be made to Chapter 15 of the Zoning Code which would allow for restoration of properties designated in historical districts to use building standards set when the building was originally constructed.

Ald. Steuer would like to designate more historic districts and suggested the Commission tour different neighborhoods once the weather improves.

Roger stated a press release regarding the 2014 awards program has been sent out. An announcement was also made at the Green Bay Neighborhood Leadership Council. Next month is the deadline for nominations. The Commission discussed possibly presenting certificates instead of plaques.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Review January building activity report

A motion to receive and place on file the January building report was made by Susan Ley, seconded by Ald. Boyce. All in favor. Motion carried.

7. **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE AND NEWS**

Susan Ley discussed a house fire that occurred 2-3 years ago on South Quincy Street. The house has been razed. She spoke with the person who bought that parcel and he and his wife plan on building a new/old house which will fit in with the neighborhood. They currently live in the Astor Park neighborhood and have an appreciation for older homes.

Ald. Steuer wants the Larsen Green buildings preserved. He left a message with Nancy O'Keefe in Milwaukee who was instrumental in 3rd Ward restorations there. Two of her friends live in Ald. Steuer's district. Ald. Steuer will be meeting with citizens in that area who testified at the Planning Commission to get additional input on what they would like to see in the buildings.

Roger feels the designation as a downtown district is appropriate for this site. More than single use needs to happen to be vital for the area. Because this is in Ald. Boyce's district, he wants what's best and will stay involved in discussions.

8. **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting date of March 10, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. was confirmed.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Susan Ley, seconded by Ald. Steuer. All members voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.