

MINUTES  
PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 18, 2015  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Brent Bogen, Elizabeth DeLong, Paul Fessler, Anthony Heddlesten, Craig Kavensky, Lo Milani, Brian Leech, Sue Swords

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** John Strieter

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:** Linda Anderson, Daryl Empen, Diane Oestreich

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kathy Douglass, Ben Griffith

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Bogen called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

**AN ORDER APPROVING THE WRITTEN AGENDA**

Chairman Bogen asked if there were any corrections to the written agenda. Swords made a motion to approve the written agenda. Kavensky seconded the motion. **The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.**

**AN ORDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2015 MEETING**

Chairman Bogen asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the September 23, 2015 meeting. Leech made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Kavensky seconded the motion. **The motion carried on a vote of 6-0 with Heddlesten abstaining.**

**PRESENTATION OF QR CODE/MAPPING PROJECT BY KATHY DOUGLASS**

Chairman Bogen introduced Computer Graphics Specialist, Kathy Douglass, who provided a presentation on QR Code and interactive mapping on the video screens. She provided a handout with both the web link and QR Code symbol for the Commissioners to try on their own after the meeting. Douglass explained that the interactive map was not yet formatted for mobile phones and that after the City's IT Dept makes some network and system upgrades, it should be. Douglass continued her presentation, pointing out the features while the Commissioners asked questions and offered suggestions on user-friendliness, portability, scalability, text and photo updates. Douglass concluded her presentation by stating that the interactive map had been approved by the City's website committee and was currently available on the City's website.

**REVIEW AND PROVIDE COMMENTS TO CITY COUNCIL ON AN AMENDMENT TO A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR 2106 7<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE**

Chairman Bogen asked staff to provide a review of the request for 2106 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Griffith explained that the Presslys had received approval of a Special Use Permit the previous April to allow a crematory at the former Larson's Funeral Home. Their intent was to renovate the structure for memorial and cremation services, and to renovate the upper floors to become their private residence. The request had received overwhelming support of the Broadway Historic Neighborhood Association, as well as from many individuals in the community, and City Council had unanimously approved their request. The current request is to allow replacement of the former freestanding sign at the same location at the northwest corner of the site, with a sign that is slightly smaller in size and internally lit.

Steve Pressly agreed with Griffith's summary, adding that the proposed sign would be slightly smaller than the one located in front of his 3030 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue location and would be of the same design and color scheme as the signage at his other locations. He also stated that the sign would have a timer to automatically shut it off at 10:00 PM so as not to disturb the residents in the neighborhood. Pressly also provided a brief update of the renovations taking place at the site to the Preservation Commissioners.

The Commissioners briefly discussed the signage proposed by Pressly, praising his thoughtfulness in taking the residents into consideration, as well as the historical nature of the area. After further

discussion, Kavensky made a motion that the Preservation Commission has no objections to the sign and recommended approval to the City Council as presented, which was duly seconded by Milani. **The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.**

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Bogen asked if there was any other business to discuss. The Commissioners continued their earlier discussion regarding the QR Code/interactive map.

Associate Oestreich stated there would be a Farmall presentation that evening by Dennis Moran at the Moline Preservation Society. She also asked everyone to be on the lookout for nominations for next year's preservation awards, especially on side streets which are not heavily used by most members of the public.

Heddlesten asked about whether or not to landmark a commercial building in Broadway near the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street to prevent its demolition. Associate Oestreich responded that it had no historical integrity.

Associate Anderson stated she noticed an article recently in the newspaper about work on a landmarked property and asked everyone to contact City staff if they saw any work being done before it got too far along.

Griffith stated that no landmark applications or applications for a certificate of appropriateness had been submitted for the December meeting, although the deadline for certificates of appropriateness wasn't until the following week. He reminded everyone to be mindful of any *ex parte* communications and to contact the Planning Office with any questions regarding any items on upcoming agendas.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Bogen asked for a motion to adjourn. Heddlesten moved to adjourn. Swords seconded the motion. **The motion carried on a vote of 7-0.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ben Griffith