

**MINUTES OF THE HOBART HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

THE MEETING OF THE HOBART HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:30PM.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: TIFFANY TOLBERT, PAULA ISOLAMPI, RITA MCBRIDE, TOM EHRHARDT, CHRIS KOSOVICH, PETE MORIKIS

STAFF: ROSS PIETRZAK (ZONING); ABSENT - BLAKE SWIHART (INDIANA LANDMARKS STAFF)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – A QUORUM WAS IN ATTENDANCE.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – MS. TOLBERT DISCUSSED OPEN OFFICER POSITIONS: CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, SECRETARY.

MR. EHRHARDT MOVED TO RETAIN OFFICERS FOR 2023; MS. ISOLAMPI SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED AFTER A VOICE VOTE.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTER 18, 2022

MS. TOLBERT REQUESTED THAT THE MINUTES BE REVIEWED.

MS. ISOLAMPI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED FOR OCTOBER 2022. MR. EHRHARDT SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED AFTER A VOICE VOTE

ACCEPTANCE, ADDITIONS, OR AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

NO CHANGES TO THE AGENDA WERE PROPOSED. UPDATED AGENDA DATE NOTED.

OLD BUSINESS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS

HHPC23-01

PETITIONER: CHARLES GABARD

REQUEST: CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

PURPOSE: SIGNAGE AND LIGHTING

LOCATION: 223 CENTER STREET

APPLICANT WAS NOT PRESENT AT MEETING.

MR. PIETRZAK PRESENTED APPLICATION TO INSTALL NEW SIGNAGE, NEW WINDOW DECALS, AND FOUR GOOSENECK LIGHTS.

MR. PIETRZAK DESCRIBED SIGNAGE AND DECAL SIZES AND THAT THEY ARE BELOW THE 25% THRESHOLD. SIGNAGE GUIDELINES DISCUSSED.

MS. TOLBERT CLARIFIED THAT 25% OF AREA WAS PER PANE NOT TOTAL AREA OF WINDOWS ON

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BUILDING.

GENERAL DISCUSSION OF DECAL DESIGN AMONGST HPC.

MS. TOLBERT REQUESTED DISCUSSION.

MR. KOSOVICH ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION ABOUT THIS APPLICATION SETTING A PRECEDENT FOR HISTORIC DISTRICT.

MR. EHRHARDT AND MR. ISOLAMPI AGREED THIS COULD SET A UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENT FOR DISTRICT.

MR. MORIKIS REQUESTED A NEW VISUAL REPRESENTATION OF DECAL AT 25% OF PANE WHERE IT WOULD PLACED.

MR. PIETRAZK NOTED THE DECAL WOULD BE HALF THE SIZE BASED ON THAT GUIDELINE.

MR. EHRHARDT ASKED ABOUT GLASS THAT WASN'T FRONT FACING.

MS. TOLBERT CLARIFIED THAT FRONT FACING STOREFRONT WINDOWS SHOULD ADHERE TO GUIDELINES. NOTED SHE WAS LESS INCLINED TO APPROVE AND THAT THE DECAL WAS NOT IN KEEPING WITH GUIDELINES.

MS. TOLBERT PROPOSED 23-01 BE TABLED TO ALLOW FOR MORE DISCUSSION WITH APPLICANT.

MR. PIETRAZK NOTED THAT HPC COULD APPROVE WITH THE 25% PER PANE GUIDELINES. MR. PIETRAZK NOTED THAT WHEN HE REVIEWED THE SIGN PERMIT THAT IT MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE COA.

MS. TOLBERT CONFIRMED MR. PIETRAZK WOULD DISCUSS CALCULATIONS AND SIGN GUIDELINES WITH APPLICANT, IF COA APPROVED.

MR. EHRHARDT AND MR. KOSOVIC CONFIRMED APPLICATION MET OVERALL GUIDELINES.

MR. PIETRAZK AND MS. TOLBERT DISCUSSED GOOSENECK LIGHTS. APPLICANT SUBMITTED BLACK GOOSENECK LIGHTS IN APPLICATION. MS. TOLBERT EXPLAINED THE COMMISSION NEEDED CONFIRMATION AS TO COLOR.

MS. TOLBERT SUGGESTED APPROVING BLACK GOOSENECK LIGHTS, AS THOSE WERE THE LIGHTS SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION.

NO FURTHER DISCUSSION.

MS. TOLBERT REQUESTED A MOTION FOR 23-01, AS PRESENTED IN APPLICATION WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT THE WINDOW SIGNAGE WILL NOT EXCEED 25% OF THE GLASS AREA IT IS PLACED ON AND THE GOOSENECK LIGHTING INSTALLED WILL BE BLACK.

MR. EHRHARDT MADE MOTION TO APPROVE 23-01, AS PRESENTED IN APPLICATION WITH THE

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EXCEPTION THAT THE WINDOW SIGNAGE WILL NOT EXCEED 25% OF THE GLASS AREA IT IS PLACED ON AND THE GOOSENECK LIGHTING INSTALLED WILL BE BLACK.

MS. ISOLAMPI SECONDED MOTION.

MOTION CARRIED VIA VOICE VOTE.

HHPC 23-02

PETITIONER: ADDY KENZIE

REQUEST: CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

PURPOSE: SIGNAGE REQUEST

LOCATION: 200 MAIN STREET

MS. KENZIE, APPLICANT, WAS IN ATTENDANCE TO PRESENT THE PROPOSED WORK. APPLICANT NOTED THAT THE SIGNAGE WOULD BE THE SAME SIZE AS CURRENT SIGNAGE, BUT A DIFFERENT NAME FOR HER NEW BUSINESS.

WINDOW SIGNAGE AND GUIDELINES DISCUSSED WITH APPLICANT. APPLICANT INSTRUCTED TO REQUEST ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL FOR NEW WINDOW SIGNAGE AND THAT WOULD BE NOTED IN THE FILE.

MR. PIETRZAK PRESENTED STAFF REPORT AND SIGNAGE GUIDELINES FOR HISTORIC DISTRICT. MR. PIETRZAK RECOMMENDED HPC APPROVE 23-02 AS SUBMITTED.

MS. TOLBERT ASKED IF HPC HAD ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION; NONE OFFERED.

MS. TOLBERT REQUESTED A MOTION FOR 23-02 AS SUBMITTED WITH ADDITION OF WINDOW SIGNAGE TO BE INSTALLED AT A LATER DATE WITH ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL, PER DISCUSSION.

MR. KOSOVICH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE 23-02 AS SUBMITTED WITH ADDITION OF WINDOW SIGNAGE TO BE INSTALLED A LATER A DATE WITH ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL. MS. ISOLAMPI SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED AFTER A VOICE VOTE.

STAFF/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

MR. PIETRAZK NOTED THAT THE RULES AND PUBLIC PRACTICE PROCEDURE WERE BEING REVIEWED. HE ASKED IF THE HPC PROCEDURES SHOULD BE REVIEWED AGAIN.

MS. TOLBERT ASKED MR. PIETRAZK TO REVIEW AND COMMENT TO HPC, AS NECESSARY.

MR. PIETRAZK ASKED FOR INFORMATION REGARDING CLG DOCUMENTATION.

MS. TOLBERT ASKED IF THE EXPIRED TERMS FOR HPC COMMISSIONERS HAD BEEN RENEWED. MR. PIETRAZK CONFIRMED SAME.

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MR. KOSOVICH INFORMED COMMISSION HE ATTENDED HISTORIC BRICK MAKING WORKSHOP IN LAPORTE. MR. PIETRAZK REQUESTED INFORMATION ON THAT WORKSHOP FOR CLG REPORT. MR. KOSOVIC AGREED TO SEND.

MR. PIETRAZK INFORMED COMMISSION THAT BRIGHTSPOT WAS DEALING WITH THE BOARD OF WORKS TO ADDRESS EXTERIOR ISSUES ON BUILDING, REAR OF BUILDING IN DANGER OF COLLAPSE. MR. PIETRAZK CONFIRMED THIS WAS AN EMERGENCY SITUATION THAT REQUIRED IMMEDIATE ATTENTION FROM CITY. MS. TOLBERT REQUESTED INFORMATION REGARDING BUILDING.

MR. PIETRAZK ADDED THAT MAIN STREET STATION MAY SUBMIT COA IN FUTURE FOR INTERIOR AND/OR EXTERIOR WORK.

MR. EHRHARDT MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN. MS. ISOLAMPI SECONDED. MOTION APPROVED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:00PM.

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 21, 2023

MINUTES APPROVED ON

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST

- 6/20/2023*
- Jeff Tolbert*
- Paul Ehrhardt*
- 4/21/2023: MINUTES UPDATED THROUGHOUT TO REFLECT THE FOLLOWING CHANGES
 - EARHARDT REPLACED WITH CORRECT SPELLING EHRHARDT
 - MR. KOSOVICH ATTRIBUTED WITH COMMENT (PAGE 2) ON SETTING A PRECEDENT AS IT RELATED TO WINDOW SIGNAGE. MR. MORIKIS ATTRIBUTION REMOVED.
 - KOSOVIC REPLACED WITH CORRECT SPELLING KOSOVICH.