

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

THE MEETING OF THE HOBART HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:31PM.

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – A QUORUM WAS IN ATTENDANCE.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 21, 2023

MS. TOLBERT REQUESTED THAT THE MINUTES BE REVIEWED.

MR. EHRHARDT NOTED THAT HIS NAME HAD BEEN MISSPELLED.

MR. SWIHART NOTED THAT MR. KOSOVIC CONTACTED HIM ABOUT A FEW QUOTES THAT WERE MIS-ATTRIBUTED.

MS. EHRHARDT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WITH CORRECTIONS AS SUBMITTED FOR FEBRUARY 21, 2022. MS. ISOLAMPI 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

HHPC 23-03

PETITIONER: CITY OF HOBART

REQUEST: CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

PURPOSE: WINDOW TINTING

LOCATION: 414 MAIN STREET

MS. TOLBERT SUMMARIZED APPLICATION.

CITY ASSISTANT TREASURER (NAME UNCLEAR) PRESENTED APPLICATION TO COMMISSION. DESCRIBED WINDOW TINTING PROCESS AND BENEFITS TO THE ROOM BY REDUCING GLARE AND TEMPERATURE.

MR. EHRHARDT NOTED THAT HE HAD NO OBJECTION.

MR. SWIHART SUMMARIZED STAFF REPORT.

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MS. TOLBERT ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS. NONE OFFERED.

MS. TOLBERT REQUESTED A MOTION ON COA 23-03 – INSTALLATION OF WINDOW TINTING IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND TO INCLUDE THE DOOR, AS SUBMITTED.

MR. EHRHARDT MOVED TO APPROVE 23-03 AS SUBMITTED. MS. ISOLAMPI SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED VIA VOICE VOTE.

OLD BUSINESS

HHPC 23-01

PETITIONER: CHARLES GABARD

REQUEST: CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

PURPOSE: NEWSIGNAGE (LIGHTING APPROVED AT PREVIOUS MEETING)

LOCATION: 223 MAIN STREET

APPLICANT PRESENTED APPLICATION TO COMMISSION.

MS. TOLBERT AND MR. PIETRAZAK CLARIFIED APPLICATION WAS ABOUT COW DECAL ON FRONT WINDOW OF BUSINESS WHICH EXCEEDED 25% OF THE AREA.

MR. EHRHARDT REQUESTED CLARIFICATION ABOUT 25% AREA OF ALL WINDOWS ON BUILDING OR JUST THE PARTICULAR WINDOW.

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

MS. TOLBERT REQUESTED CONFIRMATION REGARDING THE TOTAL AREA FOR THE DECAL.

APPLICANT DISCUSSED SIGNAGE PROCESS AND BUSINESS PLANS WITH COMMISSION.

MR. PIETRAZAK CONFIRMED DECAL TAKES UP 49% OF WINDOW. SUGGESTED APPLICANT MAY TRIM DOWN DESIGN.

MS. TOLBERT DISCUSSED IMPORTANCE OF FINDING COMPROMISE AND ADHERING TO GUIDELINES WITHOUT SETTING PRECEDENT FOR NON-COMPLIANCE.

APPLICANT NOTED THAT SIZE WAS SELECTED SINCE HE WASN'T ON MAIN ST.

MR. PIETRAZAK CONFIRMED THE DECAL WOULD FALL WITHIN THE SIGN ORDINANCE GUIDELINES BASED ON TOTAL WINDOW SQUARE FOOTAGE FOR THE ENTIRE BUILDING.

MR. PIETRAZAK CONFIRMED THAT THE APPLICANT'S SIGN AND DECAL WOULD FALL WITHIN SIGN ORDINANCE GUIDELINES.

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MR. SWIHART NOTED THAT A COMPROMISE WAS DESIRED BASED ON EXISTING GUIDELINES.

MS. TOLBERT STATED THAT THE DISTRICT GUIDELINES NEED TO BE REVIEWED BUT THAT APPLICANT FILED UNDER THE EXISTING GUIDELINES WHICH ARE SOMEWHAT VAGUE AS IT RELATES TO THE WINDOW SIGNAGE.

MS. ISOLAMPI NOTED THAT TRIMMING THE DECAL MIGHT BE A POSSIBLE SOLUTION.

MS. TOLBERT STATED THAT THE HPC DID NOT WANT TO SUGGEST THAT A BUSINESS ALTER THEIR BRAND LOGO.

MR. PIETRAZK AND MS. TOLBERT CONFIRMED THAT DUE TO AN INTERPRETATION ISSUE THE APPLICANT MAY BE PERMITTED TO RETAIN DECAL BUT THAT ANY FUTURE APPLICATION FOR NEW WINDOW SIGNAGE WOULD NEED TO ADHERE TO UPDATED GUIDELINES THAT SPECIFY DECALS MAY NOT TAKE UP MORE THAN 25% OF EACH WINDOW, NOT TOTAL WINDOW SQ. FOOTAGE OF FAÇADE OR BUILDING.

MS. TOLBERT REQUESTED HPC DISCUSSION ABOUT COMPROMISE.

MR. MORIKIS ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION ABOUT LEAVING LANGUAGE AS IS.

MR. PIETRAZK NOTED THAT THE VAGUENESS CAUSES CONFUSION FOR APPLICANTS AND CITY ALIKE.

MS. TOLBERT CLARIFIED THAT THE APPLICATION AND DISCUSSION IS RELATED COMPLETELY TO THE ISSUE AT HAND AND HOW BEST TO ADHERE TO CITY GUIDELINES NOT THAT THE SIGN WAS ALREADY PRODUCED AND IN PLACE AT THE BUSINESS.

MS. TOLBERT CALLED FOR A MOTION ON 23-01 SIGN DECAL AS IT ADHERES TO THE GUIDELINES FOR ALLOWABLE SQ FOOTAGE FOR SIGNS, AS SUBMITTED.

MR. EHRHARDT MADE MOTION TO APPROVE 23-01, AS PRESENTED. MS. ISOLAMPI SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED VIA VOICE VOTE.

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

STAFF/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

MR. PIETRAZK NOTED THAT MAINTENANCE STAFF FOUND A SHOVEL USED AT THE GROUNDBREAKING FOR CITY HALL.

MS. TOLBERT AND STAFF DISCUSSED MODERNIST BUILDINGS.

MS. ISOLAMPI DISCUSSED HOBART'S BIRTHDAY SHIRTS FOR SALE AT HOBART HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

MR. PIETRAZK INFORMED COMMISSION THAT BRIGHTSPOT WAS DEALING WITH THE BOARD OF WORKS

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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 THE CITY.

MR. EHRHARDT COMMENDED CITY FOR PROMPT ATTENTION TO THE STRUCTUAL ISSUES ACROSS DOWNTOWN.

MS TOLBERT NOTED THAT THE BUILDING CHANGES WERE NOT TO ORIGINAL PARTS OF BUILDING.

MR. EHRHARDT ASKED ABOUT VACANT STRUCTURES DOWNTOWN.

MR. PIETRAZK NOTED THAT WORK OUTSIDE CAGNEY'S WAS ONGOING.

MS. TOLBERT UPDATED COMMISSION ABOUT MAIN STREET STATION. MR. PIETRAZK NOTED THAT BOARD OF WORKS MAY MOVE TO DEMOLISH THE BUILDING AND NUMEROUS DEADLINES HAVE BEEN MISSED BY THE BUILDING OWNER. MS. TOLBERT CONFIRMED THAT COMMISSION WOULD BE INFORMED OF ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:21PM.

NEXT MEETING: MAY 16, 2023

MINUTES APPROVED ON

4/20/2023

CHAIRMAN

J. Jellison

ATTEST

Don E. Ehrhardt