

CITY OF OSKALOOSA
MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2017

The meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission for the City of Oskaloosa was called to order at 12:08pm on Friday, January 27, 2017 by Chairperson Mark Tennison at the City Hall Council Chambers 220 S. Market St. Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Commission members present: Mark Tennison, Janel Campbell, Douglas Shullaw, Cheryl Lockwood, Bill Akason, and Nathan Wilson; Absent: Adam Haroldson; Public present: Karen Hafner (Main Street Oskaloosa Director), Tyler Baumgarten (Curtis Architecture & Design); City staff present: Andrew Jensen & Sara Jones.

1st item on the agenda: Approve previous minutes from the meeting on October 21, 2016. Shullaw motioned to approve the previous minutes and Campbell seconded the motion. Ayes: Tennison, Campbell, Shullaw, and Willson. Nay: None. Abstain: Lockwood and Akason.

2nd item on the agenda: Consider a Certificate of Appropriateness for the Façade Improvement Project. The Commission discussed all properties included in the Certificate of Appropriateness, some key discussion points that were made are mentioned below. Tennison wanted everyone to be aware of the third condition on the Certificate of Appropriateness sheet for the Façade Grant that states:

This Certificate will continue to be valid for any minor design changes hereafter that are approved by the State of Iowa according to the State Historic Preservation Office standards and reviewed for compliance by the City of Oskaloosa Development Services Department.

Tennison also inquired as to whether or not if a subsequent minor change were to happen to the face of an included building – would they have to obtain state approval. Jensen added that all minor changes should be communicated through the Historic Preservation Commission. Baumgarten mentioned that he spoke with all business and property owners involved in the projects and found that they are all in support of the project and designs, and they think the Façade project will be beneficial. Campbell mentioned that she is concerned about compliance with construction/sign costs. Hafner noted that she needs to speak with 3 businesses about their signage. She is concerned that their signs have not been approved by HPC. She also mentioned the importance of making sure all property owners are aware of sign costs and how they are not included in the Façade grant costs. Tennison noted that if a building owner were to repaint the exterior the current color it is considered maintenance and does not need approval; however, if they were to paint it a different color it needs to be approved by HPC prior. Akason inquired if a business put their existing sign on a glass door or window, if that would be approved. Campbell added that as long as it's not structural it does not need approval. Jensen mentioned that the way that the easement is written any changes in the façade have to come to HPC.

The Commission discussed and considered each proposed building design. The Commission said that the proposed lights (Kichler 49061OZ Olde Bronze) on 113 and 117 High Avenue West were too modern. After discussion, there was agreement on a recommendation to use the World Imports WI909686 Antique Copper lights, which are also proposed for 113, 115, and 117 North Market Street. Baumgarten said the change could easily be made and would expect easy approval from the state.

Baumgarten noted that the state had required changes to 115 High Avenue West to extend the storefront glass vertically; to 110 North Market Street to remove the proposed cornice so as not to create a false sense of history; and to 113 North 1st Street to keep the original storefront windows.

The Commission discussed leaded glass at 201 High Avenue West. Members of the HPC subcommittee had contacted staff at the State Historic Preservation Office to get advice. The recommendation is to require the existing leaded glass to be repaired and kept in place. For the places where the leaded glass was removed, an opaque specialty glass tinted to match the existing glass should be required. Baumgarten said he would incorporate the recommendations.

Campbell made the motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the Façade Improvement Project, Lockwood seconded the motion; Vote: YES: Tennison, Lockwood, Akason, Campbell, Shullaw, and Wilson; NO: None; Abstain: None.

3rd Item on the agenda: Tennison asked that all members review the documents for the miscellaneous business and proceed with discussion on those items at the next meeting.

With no further business it was moved by Wilson and seconded by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 1:43 pm.

Minutes by Sara Jones