

Minutes of the October 6, 2020, meeting of the Washington Historic Preservation Commission.

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m. via Zoom.

Members present: Dan Bagley, Dan Phillips, Walter Ruppman, Nancy Silverthorn, and Leri Slonneger

Members absent: Brent Goken, Mary Kerr

Also present: Ray Forsythe, Jon Oliphant, Curt Reynolds

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the July 16, 2020, Commission meeting minutes. Second by Ms. Silverthorn. Motion approved 5-0.

One New Business item was on the agenda: 1) The review of a Certificate of Appropriateness request from Curt Reynolds (Brunk's Sports Center) for the placement of new exterior lighting at 122 N. Main Street. Mr. Reynolds has proposed adding four goosehead LED lights spread evenly on the upper portion of the façade above the existing awning that will be reinstated soon. Two smaller signs advertising Brunk's and Brandi's Bees will be on the southern and northern portions of the façade respectively. Three new lantern lights will replace similar lights that were on the lower façade. There was discussion about the size of the signs and how those would appear with the goosehead lights nearby. Both signs are proposed to be relatively small, with the Brunk's sign being an oval-shape and the Brandi's sign having a honeycomb-shape appearance. The Square building design guidelines has language that states that "if light fixtures are desired where there were no historic fixtures, the fixtures should be unobtrusive, conceal the light source, and point light toward the building." Given that there may not have been exterior lights on the front façade when the building was originally constructed in the early 1940's, the desire may be to minimize any lighting and ensure that the signs stand out more. Mr. Reynolds was asked to work with his electric and sign contractors to generate a conceptual look at the façade with the proposed improvements. The continuation of the discussion pertaining to the COA will take place at the next meeting at 4:30 on October 15.

Additionally, WRC has proposed to replace its existing wall signage with new signage to reflect its partnership with ReMax. The consideration of a COA for that will also be scheduled for the October 15 meeting. Finally, staff has received a solar energy permit application from Ipava State Bank to place roof-mount solar panels on its building on the south side of the Square. The City's solar regulations require that all roof-mount panels not extend more than 2' vertically from the roof or above the parapet, whichever is less. Given this, the Commission felt that no further action would be necessary besides the issuance of the permit for roof-mounts on the Square.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:10 pm. The next meeting date will be at a time and location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Oliphant