

Minutes of the June 5, 2020, meeting of the Washington Historic Preservation Commission.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. via Zoom.

Members present: Brent Goken, Mary Kerr, Dan Phillips, Walter Ruppman, and Nancy Silverthorn

Members absent: Dan Bagley and Leri Slonneger

Also present: Jon Oliphant

Mr. Ruppman made a motion to approve the August 21, 2019, Commission meeting minutes. Second by Mr. Goken. Motion approved 5-0.

The new business was to review the Certificate of Appropriateness request from Ms. Charlotte Beck of 120 N. Main for a new wall sign. Ms. Beck purchased the building in January 2020 and had plans to open her new business, Golden Finch Boutique, this spring. COVID-19 forced a delay and she now intends to open on Saturday. The sign would be have a white matte finish with “Golden Finch” in black block letters and “Boutique” in black script. The address would appear in black and white below the sign displaying the name of the business and above the front entrance. The black and white colors are intended to match the primary color (white) of the building and its accent color (black). It would not be illuminated. The Commission discussed the colors of the sign and whether the turquoise color found around the windows was compatible with the Square building design guidelines. The design guidelines allow for painting to occur without a COA provided it is within the general color palette. Further discussion ensued about the balance between having a base framework for which all buildings within the historic district must adhere to versus allowing for some flexibility for modifications for each specific business. Mr. Phillips made motion to approve the sign. Ms. Kerr second. Motion approved 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:45 pm. The next meeting date will be at a time and location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Oliphant