

Minutes of the November 11, 2021, meeting of the Washington Historic Preservation Commission.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Members present: Dan Bagley, Denny Dingleline, Brent Goken, Dan Phillips, Walter Ruppman, Nancy Silverthorn, and Leri Slonneger

Members absent: None

Also present: Kris Hasten, Jon Oliphant, Aaron Paque, Jake Webber

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the October 5, 2021, Commission meeting minutes. Second by Ms. Slonneger. Motion approved 7-0. Everyone briefly introduced themselves, as this was the first meeting with all in attendance since Mr. Dingleline had joined the Commission.

New Business:

A. Certificate of Appropriateness – 123 Washington Square. Kris Hasten, owner of Sentimental Journey, proposes to replace her rear fire escape and her black awning with a like replacement. The fire escape has been designed to meet the current 2018 building code. The awning has faded over several years and is in need of replacement. Mr. Goken made a motion to approve the fire escape and awning and Mr. Phillips seconded. The motion was approved 7-0.

B. Certificate of Appropriateness – 105 Washington Square. Jake Webber plans to soon move his Country Financial office to this address and to purchase the space from the current owner. He is planning on undertaking a significant building renovation, most of which will be within the interior. He is looking to replace the existing awnings with a similar style in the green Country Financial Color. He would also like to have the company logo on the awnings on either side of the door. Mr. Webber said that the color is hunter green. Dialogue ensued about whether the Square design guidelines allow for text to be placed on awnings as well as a possible code amendment to address how or if text can be placed on awnings. It was also noted that because the awnings would face to the south, the text would fade more rapidly. Mr. Webber said that he would be open to having his signage as window clings within the transoms. Mr. Goken made a motion to approve the awnings as presented and Mr. Phillips seconded. The motion was denied 5-2. Following the vote, Mr. Webber was asked if he would be okay with not having the name on the awnings. He said that as long as he can have the window clings, he would not need the names on the awnings. Following that dialogue, Mr. Bagley made a motion to approve awnings without the company name and Mr. Goken seconded. The motion was approved 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:15 pm. The next meeting date will be at a time and location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Oliphant