



Historical Preservation Commission Minutes

A meeting of the Historical Preservation Commission was held January 10, 2023 at 3:30 PM in the Community Room of the City/County Building at 414 E. Callender Street. A virtual attendance option was also provided via Zoom. The meeting was facilitated by Ron Nemetz.

1. Call to Order (3:35 pm)

2. Roll Call (3:35 pm)

In attendance: Ron Nemetz, Kristin Vanderland, Lindy Gibson and Jack Luther (via Zoom). Staff: Planning Director Jennifer Severson. Applicant: Azure Tarpey.

3. Approval of Minutes: December 13, 2022 (3:36 pm)

- Motion to approve by Gibson, second by Luther.
- Passes 3-0.
- Vanderland arrived 3:36 pm

4. New Business

A. Authorization for the Chair of the HPC to sign the 2023-2024 Certified Local Government Grant Application. (3:37 pm)

- Severson provided explanation about fund amount and that they will be used to continue downtown survey.
- Nemetz asked question.
- Motion to approve grant application by Nemetz, second by Gibson.
- Motion passes 4-0.

B. Design Review- Fainting Goat Pub Exterior Renovation (3:41 pm)

- Severson presented application for design review.
- Tarpey provided additional info about design.
- Nemetz had questions about materials, windows, doors and trim colors.
- Tarpey confirmed there will be trim piece around window/ door edges. Windows and doors removed for renovation were the originals.
- Gibson commented that she'd like to see brick or stucco finish vs. wood siding to be consistent with main/ original building to blend in.
- Vanderland commented that it is an addition and brick would not match exactly anyway. Using different material would be OK because it is an addition and not part of original structure.
- Tarpey stated the building owner has plans to restore the building but not sure what those are re: exterior. If it needed to be consistent with exterior, they can change addition exterior to match whatever restored material is on exterior of original building, if needed.

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- Nemetz stated that because addition being considered for design review is not original/ historic and national historic rehabilitation guidelines recommend not making additions consistent with original structure so that it's clear it's not part of the same. The addition simply needs to blend in with surrounding structure. Not opposed to horizontal siding as proposed. Would have preferred original windows and doors had been used for renovation. But commends that they are being repurposed on interior.
- Luther confirmed the renovation is on a recent addition and likely does not have historic value. Supports horizontal siding placement.
- **Motion to approve exterior renovation as proposed (siding color, horizontal placement, material) by Vanderland, Luther second.**
- **Motion passes 3-1 (Gibson voted against)**
- Tarpey asked about lighting requirements and trim color around windows- do these details need to go through HPC design review? Original trim color was cream but proposed is change to black trim color. Trim- small strip of wood around windows and door.
- **Motion to provisionally approve black trim color (subject to sample being provided to HPC members for review prior to painting), including wood within panes and strip around exterior of door and windows by Gibson, second by Vanderland.**
- **Motion passes 3-0 (Luther dropped off Zoom call).**

Additional Comments (4:06 pm)

- Vanderland asked whether or not globe streetlights within downtown historic district are “dark sky” compliant? If not, are they ‘grandfathered’ in? Possible to suggest to Public Works to use “dark sky” compliant streetlights? What about replacing existing non-compliant lights with something that is compliant/ directs light downward? Also, possible to add lighting on side streets to increase visibility/ safety?
- Severson will ask Public Works Director Holmes what is possible. If “dark sky” compliant light requirements are different from historic district light requirements, which one applies?

5. New Business (none)

6. Old Business

A. Update on Hiatt House and Wolf's Mercantile signs (4:15 pm)

- Steve Kunnath, current code compliance officer, is retiring Jan. 13.
- City may be changing where code compliance staff is housed- police department vs. another department.

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- Severson will issue notice letters of violation soon to owners of Hiatt House and Wolf's Mercantile - initial letter stating signs for are not in compliance with current historic district sign requirements. Letters will be first point of contact with owners and will start documentation of code enforcement cases at the beginning. Will provide update at next HPC meeting.

7. Board Comments (4:24 pm)

- Nemetz asked about SHPO CLG funds vs. additional SHPO funds (not allocated to CLGs) that may be available for survey work in Livingston. City staff will work with SHPO on possible additional funds to continue survey work but also assess structures in existing historic district (i.e. original historic district map filed with National Register in early 1980s) to see if any have been deconstructed or changed (no longer contributing) and/or structures not historic when district established but that may be considered contributing now. Local changes to historic district over the years have not been reported to SHPO.
- Luther mentioned there may be additional surveys beyond what SHPO sent City staff; Severson will work with Luther to make sure City has copies of all completed surveys.
- Nemetz may have survey consultant recommendation in addition to the name SHPO provided. Staff will work with HPC on Scope of Work before issuing RFP for additional survey work.

8. Public Comments (none)

9. Adjournment (4:39 pm)

- Motion by Vanderland, second by Gibson.
- Motion passes 4-0.