

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

August 10, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Present: Stephen G. Schraufnagel, Magge Ericson, Jeff Muse, Allan Smiles and Megan McBride

Absent: Joan Haukaas, Elizabeth Madsen-Genzler and Elizabeth Franek

Called to Order: 5:00 P.M. Adjourned 5:50 P.M.

Location: GoToMeeting / Online Meeting

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Minutes: A motion to approve the May 18, 2020 meeting minutes was made by Jeff Muse and seconded by Magge Ericson. **Motion carried.**

Public Input (five minutes max): No comments at this time.

Old Business

Update on Historic Tax Credit Marketing: The purchase of 509 – 515 Main Street West building is scheduled to close with a new purchaser involved. Megan McBride gave us an updated report on the marketing of tax credits in our area.

Megan gave us an update on the grant that had been submitted for the development of the Fifield Place Historic District. The City will be notified if they are awarded funds during the **Summer, 2021.**

Megan McBride gave us an update on the City of Ashland's CDBG-CLOSE funding and the downtown property sales/leases activity over the summer months.

New Business

Certificates of Appropriateness: None at this meeting.

Update on Plaques and their Placement in the Community: For the record, all the plaques and fasteners are now being stored in City Hall. There are about 12 plaques in inventory.

Announcements/Reports/Comments/Questions: The following items were discussed:

1. Megan McBride updated us on the Ashland Main Street Program.
2. It was **NOTED** that the property at 509 – 515 Main Street West was not listed locally as a historic property. But if this project moves forward, then it certainly should be added to the local listing.
3. Much discussion was held regarding the former Grand Opera House, which is located at 210 Third Avenue West.

4. Update: Megan McBride will issue a new plaque for her (Magge Ericson) historic house on Fifield Row. **A photo will be taken and put in the Ashland Daily Press.**
5. Consideration for future Historic Listings in the City of Ashland (COA):
 - a. The property at 509-515 Main Street West
 - b. SOO Line Depot – Megan to check on if they are presently listed.
 - c. St. Andrew's Building (former church)
 - d. Former Hank Martinsen Jr. house on Chapple Avenue (across from Wilmarth Mansion)
 - e. Chapple Avenue Condo buildings – just the former Depot, not any other new buildings on site.
 - f. All area churches should be considered, such as Saron Lutheran, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, etc.

Set Future Meeting Dates: The next HPC meeting is set for October 19, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M. (GoToMeeting). The upcoming meeting dates are as follows:

December 21, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M., GoToMeeting
March 1, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M., in the Council Chambers

A motion to adjourn this meeting was made by Allan Smiles at 5:50 P.M. The motion was seconded by Magge Ericson. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen G. Schraufnagel, Architect
Chairman of the City of Ashland
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