Landmarks Heritage Preservation Commission

MINUTES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Public Meeting:
1:30 PM, Room 1210

Omaha/Douglas Civic Center
1819 Farnam Street

Landmarks Heritage Preservation Commission Members: Joan Fogarty – Chair, Scott Dobbe – Vice Chair, Andrew Conzett, Carrie Meyer, Regan Pence, Kathryn Aultz, Jaime Suarez and Curt Witzenburg.

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Members Present: Joan Fogarty, Chair
Scott Dobbe – Vice-Chair
Kathryn Aultz
Andrew Conzett
Carrie Meyer
Regan Pence
Curt Witzenburg

Members Not Present: Brian Magee
Jaime Suarez

Others Present: Ivy Freitag, LHPC Administrator
Jennifer Taylor, City Law Department
Clinette Ingram, Recording Secretary

Ms. Fogarty called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm. She introduced the Commission members and other City staff and explained the procedures for hearing the cases. There were six members present. Mr. Dobbe appeared after the roll was called.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Meyer moved to APPROVE the minutes from the December 12, 2019 meetings. Ms. Aultz seconded the motion.

AYES: Aultz, Meyer, Pence, Witzenburg, Fogarty

ABSTAIN: Conzett

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-1.
New Business:

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL (COA)

CASE NUMBER: 18-30-H3
OWNER: Windsor Square Building LLC
APPLICANT: Kylan Block, Architect | RDG Planning & Design
PROPERTY: Windsor Hotel
LOCATION: 514 South 10th Street, 68102
REQUEST: COA: approval for addition of ADA ramp

At the Landmarks Heritage Preservation Commission meeting held on February 13, 2019, Shelly Stokes and Kylan Block appeared before the Commission.

Mr. Block stated that a number of improvements had been made to the interior of the building to improve handicap accessibility to the south/middle bay. The north bay of the building, which is currently occupied by The Tavern, never had handicap accessibility and could only be accessed by using another tenant’s space. He explained that the outdoor patio area is approximately 15” off the ground and includes some existing site constraints. He mentioned some options that were considered to create a space that was accessible. The applicant (in coordination with City staff) decided to create a smaller ramp along the south side of the building and to utilize an existing path in the interior of the building that could serve all three bays without further modifications to the structure. The applicant believed that this option was less obtrusive.

Ms. Stokes stated that the option that had been presented would preserve the character of the front of the building that included metal stairs that are part of the north bay. In response to Ms. Fogarty, Ms. Stokes stated that directional signage for accessibility would be added to the existing railing on the patio area.

In response to Mr. Conzett, Mr. Block explained what additional changes would be made to ensure that the patio and ramp area would be safe for all persons using the space.

Mr. Witzenburg moved to GRANT the request. Mr. Conzett seconded the motion.

AYES: Dobbe, Aultz, Conzett, Meyer, Pence, Witzenburg, Fogarty

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.
ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Ms. Fogarty moved to ELECT Mr. Dobbe as Chair. Ms. Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES: Dobbe, Aultz, Conzett, Meyer, Pence, Witzenburg, Fogarty

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

Mr. Dobbe moved to ELECT Ms. Meyer as Vice-Chair. Mr. Witzenburg seconded the motion.

AYES: Dobbe, Aultz, Conzett, Meyer, Pence, Witzenburg, Fogarty

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was the consensus of the Board to ADJOURN the meeting at 1:50 p.m.