Landmarks Heritage Preservation Commission

MINUTES

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Public Meeting:
1:30 PM, Legislative Chamber
Omaha/Douglas Civic Center
1819 Farnam Street

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

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Members Present:
Joan Fogarty, Chair
Scott Dobbe – Vice-Chair
Kathryn Aultz
Brian Magee
Regan Pence
Curt Witzenburg

Members Not Present:
Carrie Meyer
Jaime Suarez

Others Present:
Jed Moulton, Urban Design Planning Manager
Jennifer Taylor, City Law Department
Clinette Ingram, Recording Secretary

Ms. Fogarty called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm and introduced the Commission members and staff. She explained the procedures for hearing the cases. There were six members present. She noted that case 18-06-H1 had been moved to the June agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Aultz moved to APPROVE the February 14, 2018 minutes. Mr. Magee seconded the motion.

AYES: Aultz, Magee, Witzenburg, Fogarty

ABSTAIN: Dobbe, Pence

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-2
At the Landmarks Heritage Preservation Commission meeting held on May 9, 2018, Ryan Spellman appeared before the Commission on behalf of the owner s. Jed Moulton appeared on behalf of the Planning Department.

Mr. Spellman stated that both buildings are located on Omaha’s historic Auto Row. The Drummond Motor Company building was a showroom and maintenance facility. The Firestone building was a salesroom for Firestone Tires. He stated that both buildings are in very good condition and were structurally sound.

In response to Mr. Dobbe, Mr. Spellman stated that state and federal historic tax credits would be used to renovate the buildings and that any renovations would be made in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior standards. He indicated that the Firestone building could possibly be used for office, restaurant and retail space. Commercial space was planned for the first floor of the Drummond building, along with indoor parking and residential apartments. He stated that the indoor garage would have 17 parking stalls.

Mr. Witzenburg moved to APPROVE the request for Case 18-04-H5 (Firestone Tire & Rubber) as presented. Ms. Aultz seconded the motion.

AYES: Dobbe, Aultz, Magee, Pence, Witzenburg, Fogarty

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Mr. Witzenburg moved to APPROVE the request for Case 18-05-H5 (Drummond Motor Company) as presented. Ms. Aultz seconded the motion.

AYES: Dobbe, Aultz, Magee, Pence, Witzenburg, Fogarty

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0
At the Landmarks Heritage Preservation Commission meeting held on May 9, 2018, Jed Moulton appeared on behalf of the Planning Department.

Mr. Moulton stated that the application included a request for funding for a reconnaissance level survey of an area of South Omaha and funding for a conference to be held in Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. Moulton stated that he would advise the commission at a later date about the details of the conference.

Mr. Moulton mentioned that the intensive level survey for the street car nodes had been completed and that City staff was considering applying for a National Register District for many of the nodes as a collective district.

Mr. Dobbe moved to APPROVE the request as presented. Mr. Magee seconded the motion.

AYES: Dobbe, Aultz, Magee, Pence, Witzenburg, Fogarty

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0
DISCUSSION:

Ms. Fogarty stated that she, Mr. Mouton and Councilman Chris Jerram had been invited to a meeting of the West Central District and Blackstone Neighborhood Association to discuss a historic home that had been sold and was to be converted to a group home.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was the consensus of the Board to ADJOURN the meeting at 2:00 p.m.