

HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

JANUARY 14, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Acting Chairman Robert Seyfang. Commission members present were: Pam Aubry, David Hoffmann, Dennis Layman, Ruth Lucius, Robert Seyfang, and John Walters (6). Absent: Don Earnhart (1). Also present was Deputy Planning and Zoning Administrator Brody Walters.

Mr. Seyfang nominated Mr. Earnhart as Chairman. Mrs. Aubry seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Aubry nominated Mr. Seyfang as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Hoffmann seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Ms. Lucius moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2012 meeting as written. Mr. Layman seconded and they were unanimously approved.

Brody Walters reported that for all approved applications the Planning and Zoning office will be issuing an actual certificate reflecting that approval. The certificate will be signed by the Commission Chair and the Vice-Chair.

APPLICATION 1-13 – Amy Steele requests a certificate of appropriateness to modify landscaping and install a handicap accessible ramp. Consideration includes materials and architectural style. The subject property is located at 132 W. Second Street and is zoned C2 (Central Business).

Ms. Steele stated that there currently is no direct ADA entry into the building. Ms. Steele introduced Lori Foster, one of the new owners of the building. She stated that Ms. Foster's husband uses a wheelchair. Ms. Steele said a brick wall will run along the ramp to hide the cement and railing. She said the brick will match the existing brick on the building. She said the evergreens are overgrown and if they cut them back they probably will not survive, so they are going to start over with the landscaping. Ms. Lucius asked about using wrought iron or putting a ramp on both sides of the building. Architect Mike Duket stated that the idea of the brick was to hide the cement and putting in ramps on both sides would be too expensive. Ms. Steele added that they do not have the room on the other side of the building to put in a ramp. Mr. Seyfang clarified that they plan to take out all the evergreens and start over with the landscaping. Ms. Steele said that is the plan.

Mr. Hoffmann moved to accept Application 1-13 as written with the condition that the landscaping be new and symmetrical. John Walters seconded and it was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Tom King, Planning and Zoning Administrator, was present to talk to the Commission about how they address issues regarding color in the Historic District. Mr. King said in

his opinion if someone is going to paint their house, that is not a material change and should not need Commission approval. He said to him a material change is an addition, and if someone paints their house pink it is regrettable, but it is not a material change. Mr. Seyfang said that if a property is light gray and they want to go to a different shade of gray he has no problem with that. However, if they go with something like a primary color or pink it wrecks the neighborhood. Mr. Layman said he always considered painting as maintenance which would not need approval from the Commission. Mr. Hoffmann suggested that the Commission take this under advisement to give the members time to think about it.

There being no further business Mr. Hoffmann moved to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Mr. Layman seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Sutton