

CITY OF ST. CLOUD HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, March 27, 2018
4:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Eric Cheever, Peter Fandel, Ann Marie Johnson, Betsy Rakotz and Sam Ross
Members Absent: Mark Lenaghan, Mark Muniz and Emil Radaich
Staff Present: Jim Flaaen and Ashley Skaggs

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 27, 2018 HPC MEETING

ACTION TAKEN: Approved (5-0)

HAP-2018-05 / 33 Highbanks Pl S

ACTION TAKEN: Rakotz/Johnson/Approved (5-0)

Flaaen explained a request to construct a new overhang above the front entrance of the home. The proposed overhang would project approximately 24” and will be supported with brackets attached to the front façade. The overhang will reuse or recreate the existing trim, dentils, and columns/pillars that are currently surrounding the front door. Staff is supportive of the request.

The applicants provided a handout detailing the brackets to be used. Rakotz made a motion to approve the request subject to staff recommendations. The motion was seconded by Johnson and carried unanimously.

HAP-2018-08 / 513 St. Germain St W

ACTION TAKEN: Johnson/Ross/Approved (5-0)

Flaaen explained a request to install gooseneck-style lighting to the front façade of the former St. Cloud Floral building. The applicant is proposing to install three light fixtures on each half of the building located above the existing awning which will project downward. The awning is currently illuminated by an internal light located inside of the awning structure. Staff is supportive of the lighting request. Information regarding changes to the existing awning were provided after the agenda was published. Although an application has not been submitted for the awning canvas replacement, the Board may provide input on the design.

The applicant, Travis Schertz, stated that the awning canvas will be replaced, but the existing framework will remain the same. Rakotz suggested adding the building number to the space separating the two business names. Johnson made a motion to approve the lighting request subject to staff recommendations. The motion was seconded by Ross and carried unanimously.

HAP-2018-07 / 425 7th Ave S

ACTION TAKEN: Rakotz/Cheever/Tabled (5-0)

Flaaen explained a request to demolish the existing home. The applicant would like to replace it with a multi-unit building of three to four units. The property has been vacant for several years and has fallen into disrepair. The applicant has submitted cost estimates for restoration of the structure as well as demolition with the application. The HPC must determine where the line of practicality falls for preserving dilapidated structures.

Fandel stated that with so many questions about the current condition of the house, he would like to request a walkthrough of the building. Johnson agreed that more information is needed before deciding to demolish the structure. The applicant, Reed Olson, stated that his intension was to rehab the house, but the project is not financially feasible. Rakotz made a motion to table the request and requested a walkthrough of the house. The motion was seconded by Cheever and carried unanimously. Flaaen stated he would contact the listing agent to request the walkthrough. A City building inspector will also be asked to attend.

ADMINISTRATIVE HAP APPROVALS / PRESERVATION UPDATE

ACTION TAKEN: None

Flaaen reviewed a list of recent approvals.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION TAKEN: Meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.