

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. CLOUD HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

A meeting of the St. Cloud Heritage Preservation Commission was held on June 28, 2011, at 3:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Members present were Chirhart, Berg, and Lenaghan. Bartlow and Morgan were absent. In the absence of Chairperson Bartlow, Vice-Chair Lenaghan chaired the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Chirhart moved to approve the minutes of April 26, 2011. Berg seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

HAP-2011-12/520 8th Ave. So.: Carla Chapman, Senior Planner, stated that applicant is requesting to demolish the shed (built circa 1930) at 520 8th Ave. So. The shed is located in the rear yard of an interior lot and is not highly visible from the public right-of-way. Applicant stated that renovation is not feasible and the area currently occupied by the shed would be used for off-street parking if the alteration permit is approved. Staff recommends approval of the alteration permit given the location of the shed and because it is not architecturally significant. Chirhart announced that he will abstain on this issue as he has a conflict of interest. Dave Gaida, 2105 Red Fox Rd., stated that he has owned the subject property since 2005. He is requesting to demolish the concrete block building. He has only been inside the building three times. It has been broken into several times. There is nothing in the building; it was an old meat locker freezer. He has received calls from several people who have run into that shed requesting payment for damages. The roof is beginning to leak. Gaida said he would prefer not to invest any money in the shed. Berg moved to approve HAP-2011-12 subject to the condition that HPC approval of the demotion does not constitute approval to construct a new accessory structure. Lenaghan seconded the motion, and it carried by a vote of 2-0-1 (Chirhart abstaining).

Realtor Seminar on Core Neighborhoods in St. Cloud: Chapman stated that since 2003, the HPC and the St. Cloud Area Association of Realtors has held an annual educational seminar to inform realtors, appraisers, and other interested parties about historic properties in St. Cloud. Last

year the HPC approved a three year rotating curriculum. This year's seminar will be held on August 25 from 9 a.m. until noon, and the subject will be St. Cloud's core neighborhoods. The first portion of the seminar will be a guided bus tour through the core neighborhoods with Matt Glaesman (Community Development Director), Scott Zlotnik (Park Director), and Kelly Bartlow (HPC Chair and Neighborhood Coalition President) acting as the guides. Staff is working on getting realtor credits; it is pending with the Dept. of Commerce.

2011 "Going Downtown" History Hunt: Chapman stated that staff is working with the St. Cloud Downtown Council on the City's second annual St. Cloud's Historic Downtown "History Hunt". It will be held in cooperation with the Sizzling Art Crawl downtown. It is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 20. The City received a CLG grant in the amount of \$2,500 to assist in financing the event.

Administrative HAP Approvals: Chapman noted that there have been eight administrative approvals since the last HPC meeting. Most were for minor work. The permit that was approved for major work was for NetGain Technology. They are going to take down Federal Building signage and will put up NetGain Technology signage. The color, size and design will match the original 1960's design of the building.

Other Business: Chirhart asked what is happening with the Larson (Foley/Brower/Bohmer) house at 385 3rd Ave. So. Chapman said she is not aware of anything.

Adjournment: Berg moved to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was seconded by Chirhart. The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Bill Morgan, Secretary