

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. CLOUD HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

A meeting of the St. Cloud Heritage Preservation Commission was held on June 24, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. in City Hall Conference Room 3. Members present were Fandel, Lenaghan, Pack, Radaich and Rakotz. Staff present were Jim Flaaen and Ashley Skaggs.

Consent Agenda: Pack moved to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2014 Heritage Preservation Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Fandel and carried unanimously.

HAP-2014-08 / New Deck / 324 3rd Ave S: Flaaen explained a request to construct a 13' x 5' deck on the south side of the house located at 324 3rd Ave S. Staff is recommending denial of the request, but is supportive of the applicant installing exterior steps leading to the door similar in style and size as the steps located at the west entrance to the house. If action is not taken today, the request will be approved by default.

Fandel made a motion to approve the alteration permit subject to staff recommendations. The motion was seconded by Radaich. Commissioners agreed that green-treated lumber would not be in keeping with the character of the house. Lenaghan called for a vote and the motion failed unanimously.

Fandel made a motion to adopt the Resolution of Findings of Fact and Conclusion. The motion was seconded by Radaich and carried unanimously. Commissioners agreed that they would like to work with the applicant to find a solution.

HAP-2014-09 / Signage / 700 St. Germain St W: Flaaen explained a request to install internal illumination to two approximately 28 sq. ft. previously installed wall signs. Staff is recommending in favor of the request. The HAP Subcommittee agreed with staff's recommendation and acknowledged that the design manual is outdated.

Fandel made a motion to approve the HAP subject to staff recommendations. The motion was seconded by Pack and carried unanimously.

HAP-2014-11 / Solar Panels / 618 5th St S: Flaaen explained a request to install a 3.1kW solar array on the south side roof of the existing house. The St. Cloud Historic Design Review Guidelines do

not offer any guidance on installing solar panels; however, solar panels installed on a historic property in a location that cannot be seen from the ground will generally meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Staff recommends approval of the request given that the request is in line with the provisions of the Secretary of the Interior's standards.

After a lengthy discussion, Fandel made a motion to approve the request subject to staff recommendations. The motion was seconded by Pack and the motion carried (3-2, Radaich and Rakotz opposed.)

Commissioners asked that these types of requests continue to be forwarded to the HPC for approval. Lenaghan thanked Flaaen for researching the request.

St. Cloud Heritage Preservation Month: Flaaen announced that July will be designated as 'St. Cloud's Heritage Preservation Month'. Various events will be held during the month of July, including the St. Cloud Historic Downtown 'History Hunt' held in conjunction with the Downtown Walk About.

Heritage Preservation Awards: Fandel made a motion to nominate the following for the 2014 Heritage Preservation Awards:

1. Northside-Hester Park Neighborhood Association's 'Neighbor Proud' Program
2. St. Cloud Masonic Temple Association (518 St. Germain St W)
3. MTC Transit Center (510 1st St S)
4. The Clarke House (356 3rd Ave S)

The motion was seconded by Rakotz and carried unanimously.

St. Cloud's Historic Downtown 'History Hunt': Flaaen stated that this year's 'History Hunt' will be held on July 12 in conjunction with the Downtown Walk About. The 'History Hunt' will be partnering with the Stearns County History Museum to offer games, activities, educational opportunities, prizes and entertainment.

Administrative HAP Approvals / Preservation Update: Flaaen stated that one Administrative HAP has been approved since the last meeting for window replacement in the Southside Neighborhood Historic District.

Century Homes: Two applications were received for the 2014 Century Homes Recognition Program. Century Home recipients will be presented a certificate and plaque at the July 28 City Council meeting.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.