

## Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

The Historic Preservation Commission held its June 13, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. Members present: Monte Burstad, Josh Risler, Tom Twohig, Peggy Terry, Tim Dotseth and Melissa Kneeland. Also present: Derrek Orwig (Main Street Menomonie, Inc), Kim Gerth, Lowell Prange, Randy Eide and Steve Weld (legal counsel City of Menomonie)

The minutes from the May 9, 2016 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission were approved as presented.

Steve Weld pointed out one of the purposes of the Historic Preservation Commission is to safeguard the City's historic and cultural heritage, as embodied and reflected in such historic structures, sites and districts.

**Public Comments:** Monte Burstad called for public comments. Lowell Prange began a sign in sheet for those who spoke. Speakers included:

Susan Thurin (Bookends on Main) in favor of Cobblestone

Joe Lawrence (Little Sprouts Day Care)-in favor of Heartland

Carolyn Onstad (longtime resident) not sure in favor or not; just wanted HPC to consider thoughtfully to assure design guidelines are being followed

Dave Leisses (JF Ahern) in support of the project

Bruce Trimble in support of project but concerned about adequate parking

Peter Gruetzmacher (Silver Dollar) in favor of project

Arthur Kneeland concerned there are problems with the building as presented; asked the Commission to watch the details; and make the building Historic

### Review of Old Business:

(D) Derrek Orwig mentioned Regional Business loan availability for Cherry Pickers and Silver Dollar

(E) Josh Risler inquired about availability of the walking tour pamphlets; they are available at Main Street Menomonie and Mabel Tainter (cost is around \$5.00)

**Review of Application or Certificate of Appropriateness (COA):** Steve Weld reminded the Commission that they shall approve the COA unless it doesn't harmonize with the intent of the Historic Preservation Commission Guidelines. The three options for the Commission are to approve, reject or table the Certificate of Appropriateness

There were (3) three Certificates of Appropriateness presented for consideration.

Two of the Certificates of Appropriateness were for 147 Main St and 125 Main St. Bill Albright, Keith Street LLC, presented the concept drawings for the *Cobblestone Inn* and outlined the potential plans for the property at 147 Main Street. The Inn would be a 51 room 4-story hotel. The Hotel's designers incorporated requests for storefronts, cornices along the roof, and awnings at various windows to blend with surrounding buildings. Keith Street, LLC is negotiating with Bremer Bank (property to the North) to secure additional parking. The property at 125 Main Street would either be demolished or relocated.

Comments from Commission members included the importance to maintain and preserve the Historic feel, being compatible with the neighbors, and the importance of restoring old buildings vs razing them.

Tom Twohig made a motion to approve the Certificate(s) of Appropriateness for 147 Main St and 125 Main St as presented; Josh Risler second.

Peggy Terry, Josh Risler, Tom Twohig, and Monte Burstad in favor; Melissa Kneeland and Tim Dotseth opposed.

Motion carried 4-2.

The third Certificate of Appropriateness was for 327 Main St. to paint the outside of the building (wood siding), back door, and the trim around the window with approved colors. The application was approved unanimously.

The next Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be held on July 11, 2016 at City Hall at 5:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Monte Burstad; second by Josh Risler.