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Date: January 26, 2022

Location: *Virtual Zoom Webinar*

Commission Members in Attendance:

Kevin Bartoy, Chair
Jennifer Mortensen, Vice-Chair
Jonathan Hart
Sarah Hilsendeger
Roger Johnson
Alex Morganroth
Carol Sundstrom (arrived at 5:45 p.m.)
Jeff Williams
Deborah Cade

Staff Present:

Reuben McKnight
Susan Johnson
Mary Crabtree
Zoe Scuderi

Others Present:

Jennifer Weddermann, Weddermann Architecture
Karin White, YMCA

Commissioner Members Excused:

Holly Stewart

Commission Members Absent:

Lysa Schloesser
Leah Jaggars

Chair Kevin Bartoy called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS LANDS

2. ROLL CALL

3. CONSENT AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

A. Excusal of Absences

- Holly Stewart

B. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes to approve.

C. Administrative Review

- 2102 Commerce signs
- HDR22-0002 810 N. Cushman Avenue
- HDR22-0003 512 N. L Street

4. BOARD BRIEFINGS

A. 405 Broadway (YWCA Offices) *Window grilles*

Ms. Johnson outlined the staff report as provided in the packet.

Ms. Weddermann provided information on the campus, including the existing background and motifs and the proposed window grill design. Ms. White provided additional comments on the vandalism, bid information on the proposed like-for-like lower windows, and the need for this change.

Commissioner Williams asked if a plexiglass storm window was considered.

Chair Bartoy requested clarification on the standards applied to this request.

Commissioner Hilsendeger asked about the proposed color for the window grilles and the existing grilles on other windows.

Vice-Chair Mortensen stated she is not opposed to this type of security and referenced the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. She suggested using a more simplified design to match the aesthetics of the building.

Commissioner Sundstrom arrived here at 5:45 p.m.

Commissioner Johnson echoed Vice-Chair Mortensen on the design and stated that it looks vulnerable to vandalism and should be more businesslike, not ornamental.

Commissioner Hilsendeger echoed Vice-Chair Mortensen and Johnson and expressed appreciation for the historic nod in the design.

Chair Bartoy agreed that this type of security coincides with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and is ok with the current design.

Commissioner Morganroth stated the design is less intrusive and he has no objections to the design.

Vice-Chair Mortensen and Commissioner Johnson clarified her previous comments.

Commissioner Hart suggested looking at motifs and similar elements from buildings in that era and area.

Vice-Chair Mortensen requested clarification on which buildings were the design elements pulled from.

Discussion ensued regarding the simplification of the design, the purpose of the briefing, next steps, and using the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties for guidance,

5. BOARD BUSINESS/COMMUNICATION ITEMS

A. Events & Activities

- Broadening Horizons Heritage Café Series (Third Thursdays online) will resume later this year, possibly in August (TBD).
- Preservation Month theme and events are in the planning stages. More details coming soon.

6. CHAIR COMMENTS

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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