

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

March 21, 2013

Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:

Jordan Bonafede, Richard Nenni, Chris Haines, Sandy Church, Linda Smith and Aric Albright

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

CEO Vendetti, Gertrud Albano

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Jordan. The Pledge of Allegiance followed

APPROVE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Chris, seconded by Sandy to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2013 meeting as written.

Motion passed 5 – ayes 1 – abstain (L. Smith)

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA :

- Add : First Niagara Bank (48 North Main Street) CoA – Grant discussion under old business
- Add: 21 Platt Street (specifically) to district discussion under old business

APPROVE AGENDA :

A motion was made by Sandy, seconded by Chris to approve the agenda with the adjustments

Motion passed unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – ORLEANS COUNTY COURTHOUSE

A "straw poll" was taken via email concerning the mounting of 2 "grapefruit" sized cameras on the outside of the courthouse. The straw poll concluded that 6 members were in favor of the cameras and one abstained (S. Church). Discussion followed concerning straw polls vs. Certificate of Appropriateness vote. CEO Vendetti stated that Judge Punch was looking for approval prior to the regular meeting and he needed to respond to him. Since the majority of the members were comfortable with the idea of the cameras, Ron sent a letter to the Dave Callard at the County Legislature which stated the HPC's approval of their plan.

Members inquired as to whether or not SHPO approval was needed for this project. They also would like Ron to get information to them concerning the wiring and mounting of the cameras.

A motion was made by Sandy, seconded by Linda to approve the CoA for the cameras at the Courthouse.

Motion passed unanimously

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – 107 East Bank Street (Sign)

A Certificate of Appropriateness application was submitted by Gertrud Albano for a sign to be located at 107 East Bank Street. This application included a hand drawn sketch of the new sign and a sample of the material the sign will be made of. The sign will be 5' by 26' with white background and black lettering. The sign will be mounted by screwing it into the existing clapboard.

A motion was made by Sandy, seconded by Linda to approve the CoA for the sign to be located at 107 East Bank Street

Motion passed unanimously

OLD BUSINESS:

First Niagara Bank (48 North Main Street) Information concerning the Main Street Grant was sent via email to CEO Vendetti concerning repairs to be made to the columns, front façade, vestibule, brick and gutter system of the building. Ron was out of town at school and did not get the emails in time for the meeting. The Main Street Grant committee was looking for immediate approval on the project. SHPO has already approved it. HPC expressed concern about making immediate decisions without adequately reviewing the information. They would also like a formal Certificate of Appropriateness application to be submitted, as this has been done with the other grant applications that include exterior work.

A motion was made by Linda, seconded by Aric to table the decision on repairs to 48 North Main Street. The HPC will reconvene on Monday March 25, 2013 at 12:15. The commission expects to have a completed Certificate of Appropriateness application at that time.

Motion passed unanimously

District The Village of Albion Historic Preservation District was filed at the Orleans County Clerk's Office on March 1, 2013. After the district had already been filed it was noted that there was a property listed that the owner felt was excluded – 21 Platt Street (73.6-3-71). The property is owned by Linda Smith. Members discussed whether or not the property had ever been excluded. It is not stated in any of the previous minutes of the commission. Members inquired about the map that was used at the public hearing held on October 6, 2011 at the Swan Library. They would like to see if this property was included on that map. It is possible that this map will not be able to be retrieved as a former HPC member might have had it. Members would also like to review the district more closely to verify the accuracy prior to sending any changes to the county for recordation.

A motion was made by Chris, seconded by Aric to table the exclusion of 21 Platt Street from the district at this time.

Motion passed unanimously

DESIGN STANDARDS :

WINDOWS: Members reviewed the suggested standards for windows as submitted by Richard .

A motion was made by Chris, seconded by Sandy to enact Section 3 of the design standards – windows

Motion passed unanimously

NEXT MONTH'S DESIGN STANDARD TOPIC: Signs

ELECTIONS: Elections for Chair and Vice Chair will be held at the April meeting

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Chris, seconded by Linda to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm.

Motion passed unanimously