

Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

2/10/21

Historic Preservation Chair, Marcia Steward, called the Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 5:01pm on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at the Village of Frankfort Administration Building, located at 432 W. Nebraska Street, Frankfort, Illinois.

Roll Call - Historic Preservation Commissioners present included Chair Marcia Steward, Secretary Stephanie Kush, Commissioner Pat Tutko, and Commissioner Chester Szmurlo; also present were Mayor Jim Holland, Trustee John Clavio, Trustee Margaret Farina, Trustee Jessica Petrow, Clerk Brian Feehery, Utilities Director Zachary Brown, Senior Planner Chris Gruba, and Administrative Assistant Theresa Cork. Also in attendance were Ed and Valerie Thelen, owners of The Wine Thief

Approval of Minutes - Meeting minutes from September 9, 2020

Commissioner Szmurlo made a motion (#1), seconded by Chair Steward to approve the Historic Preservation Commission meeting minutes of November 12, 2020. Motion unanimously approved.

The Wine Thief: 6 Elwood - Certificate of Appropriateness for Proposed North Patio

Secretary Kush thanked the Thelens for their thoroughness in the presentation packet that the HPC receives.

She mentioned that the proposed north patio would blend in with the existing east patio even with the existing curb and tree landscaping. The fact that The Wine Thief occupies the corner location and that they are not asking to install a canopy will not obstruct the building's details.

The addition of the pergola at the entrances of the proposed patio will draw a person's eyes to that entry.

There is no obstruction of ADA access and patrons can still access the interior and east patio of the location.

She stressed that it's only because of the location of The Wine Thief as an end until, that this does not make the addition disjointed or out of place.

The concerns about parking is moot as the Village has insisted that there are no parking issues in the downtown area and there are parking studies on file that support that. The loss of 5-6 parking spots is not a concern as public parking is located directly across the street or at the west end of the existing parking lot of The Wine Thief.

3/25/21 ETA Chair Steward wanted to clarify that past parking studies indicated parking was a concern during major events. Parking issues are still a topic of discussion within the Village.

Commissioner Szmurlo agreed with Secretary Kush.

Commissioner Tutko saw no issues with the proposed north patio construction.

Chair Steward shared the history of the Grainery Building that The Wine Thief occupies. The horizontal design of the building was intended to allow walking along the exterior sidewalk to enter the shops. She stated that the proposed north patio would not look appropriate *with the horizontal, Midwest prairie-design* of the building and does not think that permanent changes should be implemented as a response to the current pandemic. She also raised concerns about essentially eating in a parking lot and *the potential precedents this might establish.*

Secretary Kush made a motion (#2), seconded by Commissioner Szmurlo to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the accessory approval of the installation of a north patio as presented to the Commission.

VOTE:

Kush - Yes

Szmurlo - Yes

Steward - No

Tutko - Yes

Olivieri - Absent

Motion was passed by a majority vote.

Historic Landmark Plaque Recognition

Design options were forwarded to the HPC by Village Staff for review. The discussion suggested that a new Village seal might need to be designed and Mayor Holland asked the HPC for assistance with this. It was advised that the more simplistic the plaque, the better. However, a seal or logo would be needed to differentiate a Village designation from other local designations in addition to the potential of State and National designation.

All HPC Commissioners were asked to come up with ideas or designs for the next meeting. Mayor Holland asked Commissioner Tutko, an art teacher, for design ideas that would more appropriately reflect the Village of Frankfort, perhaps engaging her students in the process.

The use of a wall plaque was preferred to a yard stake one.

Other Business -

Secretary Kush shared a binder of documents she compiled for HPC members.

Public Comments -

None

Adjournment -

Hearing no further business, Commissioner Szmurlo made a motion (#3), seconded by Commissioner Tutko to adjourn the Historic Preservation Commission meeting of February 10, 2021 at 5:43pm. The motion was unanimously approved.