

Minutes
HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD
Virtual Meeting
Monday, October 26, 2020
4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Kevin West, Chair; Eileen Meyer, Vice-chair; Tom Hanson, Tanner James, and Bethany Pingel.

Members Absent: Jana Fallin and Ann Kosch.

Staff Present: Ben Chmiel, Planner and Chad Bunger, Assistant Director of Community Development.

Public Present: Gavin Schmidt, Applicant.

1. MEETING OPENING

West called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. Staff performed roll call and confirmed a quorum. Chmiel noted no public comment had been submitted for the meeting. Hanson moved to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2020 meeting. Pingel seconded. Motion carried 4-0-1 (James abstention).

2. MAJOR REVIEW APPLICATION: 120 N. 4th St (Community House) Amendment

West spoke to how the proposal was a major change that came about on short notice, adding there was a lot of community interest in the item. He asked if the Board would consider tabling the item until its next meeting, which would be in-person, where they could get face-to-face input from the public. Hanson and Meyer concurred.

Bunger noted that Boards do not typically table items unless there is a lack of information in the packet or if there is a request of the applicant. West said he received a lot of feedback from the community and wanted to give them an opportunity to comment in-person and give them more time to think through and discuss it. Hanson expressed the same sentiment.

Chmiel asked for clarification that the Board wanted to table the item to get more community input. West confirmed. Meyer added the public needed more time to get information. Chmiel suggested calling a special meeting for the item might be appropriate instead of tabling until the next scheduled meeting. West noted the next meeting was in three weeks, which would provide enough time to get more community input. Meyer agreed and moved to table the item until the November 16, 2020 meeting.

Pingel expressed she had enough information and public input and suggested hearing the item instead of tabling it. West thought in the interest of fairness, an open hearing would be more in the interest of the community. Meyer said the applicant may not be pleased with the outcome were they to consider the item now. Chmiel cautioned mixing any discussion on how members may eventually vote on the item and whether or not it should be tabled.

Hanson seconded Meyer's previous motion. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Minor review applications

Chmiel presented a permit for a wall sign on the second floor façade at 406.5 Poyntz Avenue for the SNW gallery. The Board had no comment.

Chmiel presented a permit for a set of awnings on the storefront of Barry's Drug Store at 414 Poyntz Avenue. The Board had no comment.

4. UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was none.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chmiel explained how he had met with some representatives from the Lee Elementary Neighborhood on perusing a Local District and that they would like to get the Board's input on pursuing the nomination and share their perspective on the process and the nature of the local register.

6. ADJOURNMENT

West adjourned the meeting at 4:20 pm. The next meeting would be held November 16, 2020 in City Hall.