

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes for May 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers, Municipal Building  
911 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Pocatello, ID

The meeting began at 6:07 P.M.

**AGENDA ITEM #1: ROLL CALL AND DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND EX-PARTE CONTACT**

Disclose who was talked to, the basic substance of the conversation, and whether the conversation had any influence. Disclose if there is anything personally or professionally that would not allow an impartial or unbiased decision. Disclose if a site visit was done, location(s) of the visit, and what was seen.

**PRESENT:** Jacquee Alvord, Donald Elston, Latecia Herzog, Nick Nielson, Kelsey Stenersen, William Strength, and Meagan Sully.

**STAFF:** Jim Anglesey, Councilwoman Linda Leeuwrik, and Aceline McCulla.

**Stenersen** stated her company worked on the plans for Star Route Brewery, but **Stenersen** did not work on the plans. The remainder of the Commission members had nothing to report.

**AGENDA ITEM #2: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Commission may wish to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on March 18, 2020.

It was **MSC (L. Herzog, D. Elston)** to approve the minutes as written from the regular meeting on March 18, 2020. Unanimous.

**AGENDA ITEM 3: CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS**

- a. Chris White of Star Route Brewery, represented by Shane Martin of SignUp Signs & Graphics, requests a Certificate of Appropriateness for new wall and projecting signage at 218 N. Main Street.

**Shane Martin** of SignUp Signs & Graphics Inc., 3275 Highway 30 West, Pocatello, stated the sign would be flat panel enamel plated aluminum, with a brushed steel appearance) with a routed shape of logo. The projecting sign would be on the front of the building and installed on metal frame, mounted with guide wires. **Herzog** wanted clarification on the awning frame, as it looks like the sign would be mounted onto the awning. **Martin** stated the plan was for the awning frame to be removed, not by SignUp. **Herzog** clarified that the awning frame was not part of the original structure and is not contributing material. **Martin** clarified SignUp was not removing the awning or supports, another contractor is handling that piece. Clarification by **Herzog** on the installation of mounting brackets in the mortar to preserve the brick face by the National Historic Standards was explained. **McLaughlin** understood and agreed to this installation condition.

It was **MSC (L. Herzog, W. Strength)** that the sign be installed as presented after the removal of the appropriate external materials that prevent the sign from being attached appropriately and with the condition that the fasteners need to be installed in the mortar work and not the faces of the brick, according to the National Historic Standards. Unanimous.

- b. Dane Simmons Jr., represented by Shiloh Armstrong of BengalWorks, LLC, requests a Certificate of Appropriateness for a face change to a legal, nonconforming sign at 312 W. Center Street. **Dane Simmons**, 312 W. Center Street, Pocatello stated the signage was approved by the HPC on October 16, 2019. Since the approval the name changed from Marquee to Huddlle West.

**Shiloh Armstrong** of BengalWorks, LLC, 470 W. Oak Street, Pocatello, stated this was a face change only of the existing sign, in black and white lettering as presented in the applications materials.

It was MSC (**L. Herzog, D. Elston**) to approved the signage change as presented to the wall sign with no rear illumination allowed unless there is black out on the signage. Unanimous.

- c. Dane Simmons Jr., represented by Shiloh Armstrong of BengalWorks, LLC, requests a Certificate of Appropriateness for a face change to a legal, nonconforming sign at 123 N. Main Street.

**Simmons** stated he was working with the City to replace this storefront and glass at this property and another property at 321 W. Center Street. Replacing the glass at this property is not in his budget at this point. Simmons's agenda is to get the co-working space up and running as soon the COVID pandemic has left us. If there is a contingency of replacing the windows at \$8,000.00, it is probably not going to happen. Simmons committed to fixing the problem as soon as he could, but as far as to make it contingent on the sign and the much needed work space open he did not think it was a fair proposal, given that the code enforcement came a day after Simmons applied to something already approved. This code enforcement was open since 2017 and something he was unaware of.

**Jim Anglesey**, Assistant Planner with the City of Pocatello stated the code enforcement was still open since 2017, and has not been resolved. Staff recommended that the code enforcement issue be a condition to the COA and sign permit. The issue is for illegal non-conforming window signage for par Five and for the MOZ Studios at this address. The MOZ Studios signage was not identified until the site inspection during the application review. The MOZ Studios need to apply for a COA and Sign Permit for their window signage.

**Simmons** offered a compromise and instructed Armstrong to tape the hairline crack on the backside of the glass and remove the parFIVE perforated window graphics. Simmons stated the glass windows are 10-foot and costly to fix. **Herzog** stated the broken glass was another code enforcement issue.

**Nielson** asked Anglesey if removing the window signs was the code enforcement issue. **Anglesey** stated it was the part of the issue. **Elston** asked if the HPC has the ability to approve the graphic with an active code enforcement issue. **Anglesey** stated the HPC could approve the COA with the condition that the parFIVE window signage be removed prior to the installation of the wall sign and that the MOZ Studios needs to apply for a COA and Sign Permit for the MOZ Studios window sign. **Simmons** stated the sign was approved at a previous meeting. **Herzog** conferred that the HPC approved the face change, but the HPC was not aware there was an open code enforcement violation when the name was approved. **Anglesey** stated that additionally the name changed from Marquee to Huddle, and whenever there is a change, it needed to go through the review process again. The HPC can approve the name change and the code enforcement would still be ongoing until it has been totally resolved.

**Simmons** brought to the HPC's attention that he was not going to remove the windows, because his plan is to rip the whole store front down within six months and replace the entrance to its original luster; Simmons has pictures to prove it. Simmons stated he could go through all the appropriate channels to get that done and at the time of fundraising.

**Elston** asked what the timeframe was to complete the plan. **Simmons** stated within the next six months. Simmons will be presenting new information to Old Town Pocatello with new investment partners, that Simmons has collaborated with and will bring a lot of money into Old Town Pocatello. He has big plans to improve Old Town but it would be nice to come to an agreement and to meet in

the middle of the road for this particular situation. **Elston** asked if the six-month timeframe was to complete façade project or if Simmons would just be applying to begin the project. **Simmons** stated it would be completed within six months. **Elston** stated this building is on the National Historic Register and restoration needs to comply with State Historic Preservation guidelines.

It was MSC (**D. Elston**) to approve the wall sign reface as presented with the condition that the code violation be resolved within 12 months of this application's approval.

**Herzog** stated the code enforcement has been ongoing since 2017, and that the code enforcement issue needs to be resolved in within six months. The Commission agreed to six months.

It was MSC (**D. Elston, L. Herzog**) to approve the face change on the wall sign as presented with the condition that the code violation be resolved within six months. Unanimous.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #4: FUNDRAISING**

The Commission may wish to discuss the possibility of holding a work session in regards to fundraising.

- A. The Commission may wish to select two members to research local non-profit organizations and get one or two to commit to speak at the fundraising work session to educate the Commission on fundraising processes and best methods.

Once the COVID-19 is resolved, dates might be decided. This item has been moved to the next time the Commission is able to meet.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: STONES TO STORIES**

The Commission may wish to discuss and begin planning for the Stones to Stories event.

Once the COVID-19 is resolved, dates might be decided. This item has been moved to the next time the Commission is able to meet.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: BEFORE ALL HALLOWS EVE AT BRADY CHAPEL**

The Commission may wish to discuss and begin planning for the scavenger hunt event.

Once the COVID-19 is resolved, dates might be decided. This item has been moved to the next time the Commission is able to meet.

**Alvord** mentioned that Memorial Day Open House at Brady Chapel should not be opened this year due to COVID-19 for safety reasons. The Commission needs to follow the Mayor's direction on following Governor Little's reopening guidelines.

With no other business, it was MSC (**M. Milder, W. Strength**) to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 P.M.

Submitted by: *Aceline M. McCulla* Approved on: *June 4, 2020*  
Aceline McCulla, Secretary