

PROCEEDINGS
OF
LOWELL DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
CITY OF LOWELL
Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE; ROLL CALL

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Doyle and Lori Gerard called the roll.

Present: Ardis Barber, Nancy Wood and Steve Doyle

Absent: Todd Cooper

Also Present: Joel & Diona Oudbier, Ed Mulder, Cliff Yankovich and Lori Gerard

2. APPROVAL OF THE ABSENCES

IT WAS BY MOVED BARBER and seconded by WOOD to approve the absence of Commissioner Cooper.

YES: 3 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION: CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

IT WAS BY MOVED BY BARBER and seconded by WOOD to approve the agenda as written

YES: 3 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION: CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

IT WAS MOVED BY WOOD and seconded by BARBER to approve the minutes of June 26, 2018 as written.

YES: 3 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION: CARRIED

5. PERMIT APPLICATION

a. 213 E Main – Lowell Beer Store

Joel and Diona Oudbier and Ed Mulder stated they have a partnership and are in the process of purchasing the Lowell Beer Store. Oudbier stated they plan to add new items to the store such as old fashioned candy and fine chocolates. They presented an application for phase 1 of their project which is to dispose of all the unnecessary exterior signage and wrap the existing column supports in barn wood. There was much discussion around the age of the building and what the original storefront must have looked like. Chairman Doyle noted that this is a unique 3 story Italianate architecture building. The existing brick façade had been applied many years ago along with the shingled awning. Commissioner Barber stated that the Museum would have photos of the original building and she would get a copy for them. Oudbier stated he would love to see those and investigate further before moving forward with the remodel project. No action was taken on the permit.

6. GRANT APPLICATIONS

a. 219 W Main – Carolyn Price

A grant application was submitted by Carolyn Price for the repair work needed to preserve the Luxfer Prism glass on the front of the building. The glass has bowed since a repair was done twenty years ago.

IT WAS MOVED BY BARBER and seconded by WOOD to approve a 30% grant based on bid of \$2400 for Luxfer Prism glass repairs. Grant not to exceed \$720.

YES: 3 NO: 0 ABSENT: 2 MOTION: CARRIED

7. PROJECT UPDATES.

a. 301 W Main – Larkin's

Project was initially granted in 2017 as a 50% painting project. Due to road construction on the street project was then extended until May 2018. Larkin was questioned about the status of his project and he replied that "he thought his business was sold so everything was put on hold. At this time I don't think it is in this year's budget". It was by consensus that grant would be withdrawn so that the funds could be used on another project. Larkin would be able to reapply at another time.

IT WAS MOVED BY WOOD and seconded by BARBER to withdraw the grant of \$5000 for Larkins 301 W Main as grant was issued in 2017 and will not be completed.

YES: 3 NO: 0 ABSENT: 2 MOTION: CARRIED

8. OLD BUSINESS.

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS.

2019 Historic District Commission meeting schedule was presented.

IT WAS MOVED BY BARBER and seconded by WOOD to approve the meeting dates for 2019.

YES: 3 NO: 0 ABSENT: 2 MOTION: CARRIED

It was noted that the next round of applications for the Lowell Area Community Fund will be Friday April 19. The HDC is looking to put together an application and Councilmember Yankovich stated he would look into writing that if information is provided to him.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IT WAS MOVED BY BARBER and seconded by WOOD to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Lori A. Gerard