

PROCEEDINGS
OF
LOWELL DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
CITY OF LOWELL

Tuesday, September 1, 2020 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: Steve Doyle, Nancy Wood, Julie DeVoe and Ardis Barber

Absent: Mike DeVore

Also Present: Councilmember Cliff Yankovich, Jim Doyle and Lori Gerard

2. APPROVAL OF THE ABSENCES

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

YES: 4 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION: CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

YES: 4 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION: CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

IT WAS MOVED BY BARBER and seconded by DEVOE to approve the minutes of June 23, 2020 as written.

YES: 4 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION: CARRIED

5. PERMIT APPLICATION

Chairman Doyle referred the meeting over to Vice-Chair Wood at this time.

- a. 222 W Main – exterior renovations for King Doyle. Jim Doyle presented the application for the expansion of their office on Broadway into the McQueen building on Main. The key item is that there will be a walkway to connect the two structures. He stated that Dan Vos Construction will be replicating the original front of the McQueen building circa 1870. Steve Doyle noted that in keeping with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards the new construction will be compatible with the old yet different. It was noted that the windows will be aluminum clad with simulated true divided lights. Other proposed work consists of installing new brick and doors, replace roof and repaint building.

IT WAS MOVED BY BARBER and seconded by DEVOE to approved the exterior renovations as submitted 9-1-2020.

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

Chairman Doyle abstained from voting.

6. GRANT APPLICATIONS

222 W Main – Jim Doyle presented two itemized bids for the King Milling project with the lowest bid being \$165,835.02.

It was noted that the HDC currently has \$38,975.69 in available funds so the normal 30% grant was not doable. Gerard noted that the next round to apply for a grant would be December.

IT WAS MOVED BY DEVOE and seconded by BARBER to approved a grant for exterior renovations for \$20,000 for 222 W Main. Pending funds are received from the Lowell Area Community Fund for another grant award, another \$29,500 would be added to total grant.

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

Chairman Doyle abstained from voting. At this time Vice-Chair Wood turned the meeting back over to Chairman Doyle.

7. PROJECT UPDATES.

- a. 214 E Main – deck painting – no update
- b. 312-314 E Main – Superior Lofts
- c. 96-100 W main – roof – workers were seen working here

Progress reports will be sent to each of the building owners regarding updates on their projects.

8. OLD BUSINESS.

Jim Doyle noted that the 25th anniversary of the Historic District Commission will be in 2021. Chairman Doyle has been a founding member and Chairman since its inception.

Chairman Doyle stated that the wood exterior on the city hall is rotted and needs to be cared for. He will speak with DPW Director Dan Czarnecki.

Jim Doyle also commented that the porch on the Museum has deteriorated and will need some work also.

9. NEW BUSINESS.

None.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IT WAS MOVED BY BARBER and seconded by DEVOE to adjourn at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Lori A. Gerard