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**MEETING MINUTES
BELOIT LANDMARKS COMMISSION
Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 7:00 PM
The City Hall Forum, 100 State Street
Beloit, WI 53511**

1. Roll Call

Chairperson Beckman called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Commissioners Blazer, McDaniel, and Councilor Blakeley were available by phone. Commissioner Gallagher and Bebow-Reinhard were absent.

2. Minutes of the November 17, 2020 Meeting

Commissioner Blazer moved to approve the draft minutes. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion. The motion passed, voice vote.

3. Public Comments

None

4. A. Kevin Cook -Certificate of Appropriateness

COA-2020-30 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness to install new signage at the property located at 656 Pleasant Street.

Ms. Rottmann read the staff report aloud. The applicant did not have additional comments. The commission was excited to see the progress of the project. Councilor Blakeley moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. Commissioner Blazer seconded the motion. The motion passed, voice vote.

Commissioner Gallagher joined the meeting at 7:10 P.M.

B. Blanca Almaraz -Certificate of Appropriateness

COA-2020-24 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness to construct a covered deck on the south side of the residential structure located at 910 Bluff Street.

Ms. Rottmann read the staff report aloud. The applicant did not attend the meeting. The commission felt that there was enough information to vote on the application even though the applicant did not attend. The commission discussed the spacing of the posts. Commissioner Blazer moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. Commissioner McDaniel seconded the motion. The motion passed, voice vote.

C. Joe Stadelman -Certificate of Appropriateness

COA-2021-01 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness replace the fire escape on the rear of the commercial building located at 512 E. Grand Avenue.

Commissioner Bebow-Reinhard joined the meeting at 7:20 P.M.

Ms. Rottmann read the staff report aloud. The applicant did not have any additional comments. Commissioner Blazer asked about why the fire escape was being replaced. Mr. Stadelman stated that the owner has done a significant interior remodel and wanted to offer outdoor space to the tenants and also bring the stairs up to current code requirements. Commissioner McDaniel moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. Councilor Blakeley seconded the motion. The motion passed, voice vote.

5. Discussion of Future Certificate of Appropriateness

City of Beloit Rehabilitation Project -737 Bluff Street

Ms. Rottmann described the item on the agenda and let Ms. Downing, Deputy Community Development Director, provided a summary of the program the property is a part of and an overview of the rehabilitation project. Ms. Downing opened the floor for discussion of the project and or questions. Councilor Blakeley asked about the jump platform on the second floor and was appreciative of the rehab project. Commissioner Blazer offered an alternative interior floor plan, where the brick archway would be the access point that is kept and the one to the east is removed. He was concerned about the look of the brick arch. Commissioner McDaniel asked what material is being considered for the stairs on the door that was being raised on the south of the structure. Mr. Schneider, project Manager, stated that they had not gotten that far yet into the project but was thinking wood but was open to concrete. Ms. Downing wanted to clarify if changes were made to the design of the brick arch, the current windows could not be saved but the door could be. The Commission agreed with the proposed project subject to making changes to the brick porch opening.

6. Reports on Staff Activates

- A. Report on Staff-Approved Certificates of Appropriateness. 1 application has been submitted since the previous meeting.
- B. 6 letter when out to a new historic property owner.
- C. 2020 Annual Report on Activities -Ms. Rottmann included the annual report that is presented to City Council annually.

7. Adjournment

Commissioner Blazer moved to adjourn at 7:55 PM. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion. The motion passed, voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted, Hilary Rottmann, Planner II of Planning & Building Services
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