



Twin Falls Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

Monday, December 17, 2018, 12:00 PM

203 Main Avenue East
Twin Falls, ID 83301

AMENDED (Item #3 added)

Members: Nancy Taylor, Allen Easterling, Debbie Lattin, Lucy Wills, Samra Culum, Doug Baughman, Shane Cook
Council Liaison: Chris Reid

1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Taylor called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM and confirmed a quorum was present and introduced staff.

Members Present: Taylor, Wills, Culum, Lattin, Baughman, Easterling

Staff Present: Spendlove, Cherry, Strickland, Ebersole

2) Consent Calendar

a) Approval of Minutes from the following meeting: 11-19-18

Commissioner Culum made a motion to approve the consent calendar, as presented. Commissioner Lattin seconded the motion.

Unanimously Approved, as presented

3) Certificate of Appropriateness

- a) Request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a free standing sign for a Drive Up ATM on property located at 215 Shoshone Street South. (app. PZ18-0104)

Staff Presentation:

City Planner Cherry presented the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a free standing sign for a Drive Up ATM on property located at 215 Shoshone Street South. (app. PZ18-0104)

The Certificate of Appropriateness process requires a public meeting in which interested persons have the opportunity to be heard, with regards to the

application.

The Commission shall hear the request within ten (10) days of City Staff receiving a complete application. Any conditions placed by Commission shall be specifically listed on the Certificate, and shall be completed as part of the approval.

Any decision of the Commission may be appealed to the City Council.

The subject property has been utilized as a parking lot since the early 1980's. Further, the parking lot is not a contributing historic structure.

The Historic Preservation Commission approved the drive-thru ATM design in January 2018.

A Special Use Permit for the drive-thru ATM was granted by the Planning & Zoning Commission on September 9th, 2018.

This is a request to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the property located at 215 Shoshone Street for a free-standing sign. The subject property is located within the C-B (Commercial Business) Zoning District and the Twin Falls Downtown Historic District.

The applicant proposes a free-standing sign which will be in conjunction with a drive-thru ATM machine. The proposed free standing sign will be painted aluminum.

If the Commission approves this request as presented, then staff recommends the following conditions.

1. Subject to site plan amendments as required by City Code Standards.
2. The applicant apply for all required permits as required by City Code Standards.

Discussion Followed:

- Commissioner Culum stated a free standing sign is not generally accepted in the historic guidelines. Why is this one different?
- City Planner Cherry stated in the historic guidelines the intent of a "free standing" sign is a large business sign, and this sign seems to be pedestrian scale in nature.

- Chairperson Taylor asked if it is a directional sign.
- City Planner Cherry stated that the setbacks for free standing sign (10 feet) and directional signs (30 feet) is different. This is not an outright directional sign. Applicant is trying to work with what he has to properly achieve his goal of having signage that adequately identifies the ATM.
- Commissioner Lattin asked if it is a lighted sign.
- City Planner Cherry stated that it is not a lighted sign.
- Commissioner Culum asked about other parameters for free standing signs pertinent to HPC.
- P&Z Director Spendlove stated the base of sign will have to be full width of sign (monument look) per sign code, and will be addressed with sign permit.
- City Planner Cherry stated commission can recommend embellishments to sign or pole to match design or landscaping previously approved, based upon design guidelines.
- P&Z Director Spendlove commission can approve with a recommendation to use same materials as the ATM structure.

Motion:

Commissioner Baughman motioned to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness, as presented with and additional condition that the free standing sign to be built and embellished with the similar approved materials as the ATM structure (app. 18-001). Commissioner Culum seconded the motion.

Approved, As Presented With Amended Conditions

1. Subject to site plan amendments as required by City Code Standards.
2. Subject to applicant obtaining permits as required by City Code Standards.
3. Subject to free standing sign being embellished with similar materials as the approved ATM structure.

4) New Business

- a) Community Council of Idaho "El Milagro" - Follow up meeting with HPC for preservation of history (app. PZ18-0018)

Staff Presentation:

P&Z Director Spendlove presented the ID Housing and Finance letter. Environmental review specialist soliciting the commission for comment of historic nature of project. This letter was addressed to HPC, and has input on these items. The commission does not have regulatory authority on the property, but they are looking for comment from the commission.

P&Z Director Spendlove gave brief history of property. The owners want to redevelop property. With the new development plan, there is a need to remove some of older buildings, some have historical nature. The group wants to save a building for museum with historical artifacts to tell narrative of why area was used for internment camp/migrant housing.

In summary, developer is looking for comments from the commission. City Planner Cherry drafted a letter stating that HPC would like something saved and that the historic narrative should be told in some way.

Discussion Followed:

- Chairperson Taylor asked why this was brought to city council earlier.
- P&Z Director Spendlove stated the developer was looking for rezoning, but saving something for historic value.
- Chairperson Taylor stated this area is a valuable historical contribution to community. She would like to see a building saved and turned into museum or something to remind us of the history.
- Commissioner stated that because federal money is being used, Community Council of Idaho will have to hire historic architect to review property, working with Idaho State Historic Preservation Organization to determine what buildings would be saved, or history preserved.
- Commissioner Easterling suggested changing wording of "Jamaican Mexican" to Hispanic.
- Commissioner Lattin suggested changing the wording to "migrant workers".

Conclusion:

Commission accepted draft letter to Idaho Housing and Finance with recommendations to preserve a piece of the history of El Milagro.

5) General Input/Announcements - Public/Staff

- None

6) Upcoming Meeting(s)

a) 01-07-19

b) 2019 HPC Meeting Calendar

7) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM

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