



Twin Falls Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

Monday, July 15, 2019, 12:00 PM

203 Main Ave E
Twin Falls, ID 83301

Members: Samra Culum Chairperson, Shane Cook Vice Chairperson, Allen Easterling, Doug Baughman, Monica McCue, Jonas Reagan, Jennifer Shaffer

Council Liaison: Chris Reid

1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Culum called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM

A quorum was present.

Members present: Culum, Cook, McCue, Reagan, Shaffer

Staff present: Cherry, Ebersole, Strickland, O'Connor

2) Consent Calendar

Commissioner Reagan made a motion to approve the consent calendar, as presented.

Commissioner Cook seconded the motion.

Unanimously approved

- a) Approval of Minutes from the following meeting: July 8, 2019

3) Certificate of Appropriateness

- a) Request for a Certificate of Appropriateness to install window signs for Saffron Restaurant on property located at 114 Main Avenue East. (PZ19-0092)

Staff Presentation:

City Planner Cherry presented the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness to install window signs for Saffron Restaurant on property located at 114 Main Avenue East. (PZ19-0092)

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.

This is a request to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the property located at 117 Main Avenue East for a window sign. The subject property is zoned Commercial Business (C-B) Zoning District and is within the Downtown Historic District.

The proposed window sign(s) will be located on lower portion of the windows on the front façade of the building. The applicant notes that the signage is pedestrian in scale, not illuminated, and helps illustrate the culture and authenticity of the business. Further, the proposed window signs meet the requirement of not taking up more than 25% of the window.

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

1. The applicant apply for all required permits as required by City Code Standards.

Questions & Comments:

- Commissioner Reagan asked if the signs are on inside or outside and do they fall into exterior alterations.
- City Planner Cherry stated he believes the signs are on the outside and the Namaste sign is on the inside. These signs are meant to be permanent.
- City Planner O'Connor stated that any sign within 3 ft. of the window meant to be viewed is a window sign per the sign code.
- Commissioner McCue asked about OPEN sign in the window.
- City Planner Cherry stated the OPEN signs are everywhere. HPC guidelines are fairly new and some signs may have been there before guidelines.
- Commissioner Reagan asked about the durability of the sign material. Should a condition be added for deterioration maintenance?
- Chairperson Culum stated the commission have approved other vinyl signs and wants to stay consistent.
- City Planner O'Connor states the sign code states the signs must be maintained. The Certificate of Appropriateness can be revoked by HPC at any time if applicant does not comply.
- City Planner Cherry stated that 25% is the maximum of window sign space and that is measured around the copy. This sign meets the standards.
- Commissioner Reagan stated he believes it is proportionate sign and the material protects from heat.

Applicant presentation:

Applicant Sanju Chouvhury presented his request for the window signs. He believes this look is very professional. The sign was designed by Coca Cola. The Namaste sign is a welcome to the restaurant. He stated the sign is on the outside of the window and will keep sign maintained.

Discussions Followed: without concerns

Motion:

Commissioner Reagan made a motion for a certificate of appropriateness to install. Commissioner McCue seconded the motion.

Unanimously approved

- b) Request to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the property located at 205 Shoshone Street North for modification of an existing wall sign. (PZ19-0093)

Staff Presentation:

Request to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the property located at 205 Shoshone Street North for modification of an existing wall sign. (PZ19-0093)

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.

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The building was constructed by BPOE in 1922 to serve as the Elks Lodge. Over time the storefronts have housed various businesses, including Hoosier Furniture and the Public Library during the 1930's. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing property.

A Certificate of Appropriateness was granted to the applicant by the Historic Preservation Commission on March 18th, 2019 for signage identical to what is being proposed along the Shoshone St. Frontage.

On July 8th 2019 the Commission approved an identical backer panel(s) (PZ19-0089) for the Westerra signs along both Shoshone & 2nd.

This is a request to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the property located at 205 Shoshone Street North for a modification of an existing wall sign. The subject property is located within the C-B (Commercial Business) Zoning District and the Twin Falls Downtown Historic District.

The requested modification is to add an aluminum backer panel to the existing seven (7") inch letters of the Milner's Gate wall sign. The letters are currently mounted on aluminum rails which offer poor visibility.

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

1. The applicant apply for all required permits as required by City Code Standards.

Applicant Presentation:

Brandon Byce, Lytle Signs, presented the request for the back plate for the existing sign at Milner's Gate. The rails are painted to match concrete and casts shadows. The panel will be 1/16" taller and wider than font to eliminate shadowing and to make writing readable.

Questions & Comments:

Commissioner Cook asked about the color of the rail.

Mr. Byce stated the color is Windsor Griesse to match tile.

Discussions Followed: without concern

Motion:

Commissioner Reagan made a motion to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the property located at 205 Shoshone Street North for modification of an existing wall sign. (PZ19-0093). Commissioner Shaffer seconded the motion.

Unanimously approved

- c) Request to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the property located at 205 Shoshone Street North for patio lights and canopy. (PZ19-0094)

Staff Presentation:

Request to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the property located at 205 Shoshone Street North for patio lights and canopy. (PZ19-0094)

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 building was constructed by BPOE in 1922 to serve as the Elks Lodge. Over time the storefronts have housed various businesses, including Hoosier Furniture and the Public Library during the 1930's. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing property.

On May 6th 2019 the Commission approved a Certificate of Appropriateness (PZ19-0045) for patio improvements consisting of four L-shaped (4) wooden planter boxes that are 32" high and 18" wide and 8' long and outdoor dining furniture.

This is a request to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the property located at 205 Shoshone Street North for patio lights and awnings. The subject property is located within the C-B (Commercial Business) Zoning District and the Twin Falls Downtown Historic District.

The applicant is requesting to provide shaded canopies in lieu of the current umbrella stands. The shades will be utilized on a seasonal basis and be a colorful UV Block knitted fabric material. Two (2) 6'x6' free-standing cedar timber poles will hold up the canopy.

Also, the applicant is requesting to provided strung outdoor lighting. The lighting is expected to be "warm" in terms of lumens.

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

1. The applicant apply for all required permits as required by City Code Standards.

Applicant presentation:

Chris Erke, General Manager/Milner's Gate, presented his request for patio lights and canopies for the upper patio for Milner's Gate. He would like to attach to the building as anchor points. Seasonal structure to be removed in the winter.

Questions & Comments:

- Commissioner Reagan asked for the specifications on anchors and how they would be attached.
- Mr. Erke explained how the anchors will be attached.
- Chairperson Culum asked for the height of canopies.
- Mr. Erke stated about the canopies will be 10' high to keep out of reach of patrons.
- Chairperson Culum asked what will become of the existing umbrellas.
- Mr. Erke stated they will move them to the lower patio.
- Commissioner Reagan asked if the free standing posts will be there year round.
- Mr. Erke stated the posts will be there year-round.
- Chairperson Culum asked about durability of the material.
- Mr. Erke stated he has seen them up at other restaurants and they seem to be durable.
- Commissioner Reagan asked for the colors of the canopies.
- Mr. Erke stated they will try to the copy colors of the restaurant.
- Commissioner Reagan asked if there have been other buildings with attached canopies in the historic downtown district.
- City Planner O'Connor stated he isn't aware of any attached canopies.
- Commissioner Cook stated he has no issue with the canopies and believes they would be a better option for safety.
- Commissioner Reagan asked about wind testing of canopies.
- Mr. Erke stated he has seen them at other restaurants, but not sure about wind testing.
- Chairperson Culum stated she is okay with the colors matching restaurant.
- Commissioner Reagan agreed he would like to add a condition regarding the color.

Motion:

Commissioner Reagan made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness, as presented, with an added condition that the canopies will be a similar color scheme to the restaurant. Commissioner Shaffer seconded the motion.

Unanimously approved

4) General Input/Announcements - Public/Staff

Upcoming Training will be scheduled as a Worksession, on a Thursday at noon. Kelli will send out possible dates for training. Lisa will present the CLG audit training at the next meeting.

5) Upcoming Meeting(s)

- a) Special Meeting: Monday, July 29, 2019 at 12:00 pm

Regular Meeting: Monday, August 5, 2019 at 12:00 pm

6) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:43 PM

Kelli Ebersole, Administrative Assistant