



Twin Falls Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

Monday, April 5, 2021, 3:00 PM

203 Main Avenue East
Twin Falls, ID 83301

Council Chambers

Members: Samra Culum Chairperson, Doug Baughman Vice Chairperson, Jennifer Shaffer, Ben Woodbury, Lisa Maas, Allen Easterling

Council Liaison: Craig Hawkins

1) Call In Instructions

- a) To call in for Public Comment on the items on this agenda, please call 1-208-939-6718, Conference ID: 121 791 038#. Calls must be received between 2:50 pm - 3:00 pm and will be put into the queue to speak during the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

2) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Culum called the meeting to order at 03:00 PM
A quorum was present.

Members Present: Culum, Baughman, Woodbury, Maas

Liaison Present: Hawkins

Staff Present: Strickland, Spendlove, Ebersole

3) Consent Calendar

MOTION: Commissioner Woodbury moved to approve the Consent Calendar, as presented.
Commissioner Maas seconded the motion.

Unanimously Approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

- a) Approval of Minutes from the following meeting: February 8, 2021

4) Certificate of Appropriateness

- a) Request for a Certificate of Appropriateness to modify the exterior façade on property located at 127 2nd Avenue West. c/o Susan Petruzzelli (PZ21-0034)

Staff Presentation:

City Planner Strickland presented the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness to modify the exterior façade on property located at 127 2nd Avenue West. c/o Susan Petruzzelli (PZ21-0034).

The Certificate of Appropriateness process requires a public meeting in which interested persons can be heard, with regards to the application. The historic preservation commission shall review the "design guidelines" as they exist or as amended for compliance before issuing a certificate of appropriateness. The Commission may approve, approve with conditions, or deny the request.

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 early 1920's with an expansion to the space taking place around the 1960s. It was once a Funeral Parlor and later was used for furniture retail. The applicant is planning to continue the retail use for a lighting business.

Per the Twin Falls Downtown Historic Guidelines the following apply: 2.1 Downtown General Guidelines and 3.4 exterior lighting, 3.5 Signage, 3.6 Materials & Colors, 4.1 Façade Improvements These sections have been provided in the staff report packet.

Based on these guidelines the Commission is charged with deciding as to whether the project helps to preserve the character of the district. Whether the materials are durable, compatible, and appropriate. The Commissions can approve the request, approve with conditions, or deny the request.

The applicants goal is to try and have the building be more cohesive with the surrounding area. Currently the applicant is not sure what issues will arise once the metal has been removed from the front of the building so the applicant has provided two options for the façade that are similar in appearance but use different materials. They are proposing a back lit sign to be placed on the front and side of the building with recessed lighting.

The Commission is charged with deciding if the proposed changes maintains the character of the downtown historic district and if the materials proposed are durable , compatible and appropriate.

Upon conclusion should the Commission approve the request staff recommends the following:

1. Subject to site plan amendments as required by City Code Standards.
2. Subject to the applicant obtaining permits a required by City Code Standards.

HPC/Questions & Comments:

- Commissioner Woodbury asked staff about the wood feature with the company name.
- City Planner Strickland stated the applicant has been informed of the design guidelines, and she believes it is appropriate per the guidelines. She explained the signage and how it will wrap around the building. She stated the letters will be black metal with a back illumination. Commissioner Maas asked about the two different designs submitted. She stated she believes the stucco would be a better choice.
- City Planner Strickland explained that the chosen design depends on what is underneath the metal. She stated the applicant wants to blend with the design of the contributing building next door.
- Chairperson Culum stated she likes either design and believes it is a nice improvement to the neighborhood.
- Commissioner Woodbury stated this is a very thoughtful design.
- Vice Chair Baughman stated it is a vast improvement to what is currently there and is in favor of the project.

MOTION: Lisa Maas moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness to modify the exterior façade on property located at 127 2nd Avenue West. c/o Susan Petruzzelli (PZ21-0034). Commissioner Woodbury seconded the motion.

Unanimously Approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

5) Old Business

a) **Sign Design Guideline Amendment Update**

City Planner Strickland gave an update on the City Council vote on the Sign Design guideline amendment. She stated the website is updated and active as of March 8, 2021. She is currently working on updating the COA decision sheets.

b) **FY21 CLG Grant - Notice of Award**

City Planner Strickland gave an update on grant award. Money was awarded in February for the first video and for the Idaho Heritage Conference.

c) **Community Enhancement Grant Update - Rock Creek Watershed**

City Planner Strickland gave an update on the CEG Grant.

d) **Certified Local Government Grant- Virtual Walking Tours**

City Planner Strickland and Chairperson Culum gave an update on the Virtual Walking Tours. A final draft needs to be submitted for approval.

Action Item: Commission to draft ideas for 2021 grant.

e) **Lobby Photo Display**

Ideas for future displays: Cultures of the Magic Valley, Community Celebrations, Lost Buildings in Twin Falls.

6) New Business

Commissioner Woodbury asked for a working meeting regarding the Mobile Museum with Commissioner Baughman.

a) **Idaho Archeology and Historic Preservation Month - May 2021**

May 22 – Chairperson Culum doing a tour of CSI Community Ed. @ 11:00 am at Twin Falls City Park.

- Idea: Promote Virtual Walking Tours.

7) Upcoming Meeting(s)

- a) April 19, 2021 3:00 pm

8) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 03:51 PM

Kelli Ebersole

Kelli Ebersole, Administrative Assistant