

In response to a question from Commissioner Hoffman, Planning Consultant Elmiger said the application was in order and there were no outstanding items.

MOTION Hoffman, support by Field, to accept the application as complete. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Allen opened the meeting for public comment. Seeing that no one came forward to speak, Chair Allen returned the item to the Commission.

MOTION Hoffman, support by Field, to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the work as presented, referencing the Northville Historic District Design Standards 4-24 signs and 5-18 paint and colors. Motion carried unanimously.

8. DISCUSSION

Lighting Design Standards

This discussion referred to the following two draft documents:

- Residential Standards. Lighting
- Commercial Standards. Lighting

Chair Allen explained that if the Commission approved the lighting standards, the standards would then go to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for their approval. Once SHPO approved the standards they would move to City Council. If City Council approved them, the standards would be placed in the Northville Historic District Design Standards.

Commissioner Murdock said that the 5th and 7th bullet point on the residential standards page seemed so similar as to be redundant. Both addressed installing new light fixtures.

It came out in discussion that the fifth bullet point related to lights on a building, and should be changed to read: When installing a new fixture on a building . . .

The seventh bullet point, which addressed lights not on a building, would remain.

Chair Allen called for a motion.

MOTION Murdock, support by Gudritz, to approve the Lighting Design Standards as presented and modified this evening. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Discussion

Commissioner Murdock said that one of the things emphasized at the seminar he attended last summer was for cities to celebrate their historic districts. He was suggesting a marker be placed in town that included:

- a map of the Historic District
- a brief history of the District
- a statement as to why the District was important
- why we protect the District
- living/working in the District

Commissioner Murdock distributed a sample map. He said that Michelle Fecht had agreed to help with this project, and he thought the marker could be funded by donations. He could put together a design of what the marker might look like. Did the Commission support doing something like this?

The consensus of the Commission was that this was a worthwhile project and should move forward.

Ideas included:

- A “you are here” placement on the sign
- The Comerica walk-through might be a good location
- The sign should match or blend with the new downtown marker signs, or the signs within the walk-through. DDA Director Ward would have information regarding these.

Commissioner Murdock said he would continue working on this project

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Seeing that there was no further comment, Chair Allen adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl McGuire
Recording Secretary

Approved as amended 01/18/2017