

REPORT OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION / DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

Wednesday, October 5, 2011 – 4:30 p.m.

City Conference Room – County/City Building
1515 Strongs Avenue – Stevens Point, WI 54481

PRESENT: Alderperson Mary Stroik, Commissioner Tim Siebert, Commissioner Jack Curtis, Commissioner Kathy Kruthoff, and Commissioner Karl Halsey.

ALSO PRESENT: Community Development Director Michael Ostrowski, Kristin Mertes, and Cathy Dugan.

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1. Approval of the report from the September 7, 2011 meeting.
 2. Discussion and possible action on a request from Kristin Mertes of Kristin's Riverwalk Food & Spirits, for an exterior building review for the replacement of the roof over the canopy at 1140 Clark Street (Parcel ID 2408-32-2026-32).
 3. Discussion and possible action on updating Chapter 22 (Historic Preservation / Design Review) of the Stevens Point Revised Municipal Code and the Design Guidelines for the Historic Preservation / Design Review Commission.
 4. Other business.
 5. Adjourn.
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1. Approval of the report from the September 7, 2011 meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Siebert to approve the report as presented; seconded by Alderperson Stroik. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Discussion and possible action on a request from Kristin Mertes of Kristin's Riverwalk Food & Spirits, for an exterior building review for the replacement of the roof over the canopy at 1140 Clark Street (Parcel ID 2408-32-2026-32).

Ms. Mertes indicated that the building suffered some storm damage this summer, as part of the wood siding fell onto the roof and damaged the cedar shakes. She said the roof needs to be replaced and she would like to replace it with metal panels that are burgundy in color. She feels the metal panels are more durable and clean looking. She indicated that many of the Polish buildings in Stevens Point have the metal roof. As part of replacing the cedar shakes, she would remove all the stuff on the roof including the crates. In addition, she does not plan to replace the wood siding that fell off the building, leaving the brick and window exposed.

Commissioner Kruthoff said the cedar shakes are recent and not historic, as shown by the images provided to the commissioners in the staff report. She indicated that she does not have any concern with the proposed materials.

Commissioner Seibert asked if Ms. Mertes ever thought about going back to a flat roof. Ms. Mertes indicated that the flat roof can cause issues with the rain and snow. Commissioner Seibert said he is hesitant to use metal panels as he does not know how they will work and the metal may look tacky. He commended Ms. Mertes for leaving the wood paneling off and exposing the brick and window

above the roof. Ms. Mertes indicated that she will be using trim as indicated in the plans, so there will be a finished look to the roof.

Commissioner Kruthoff asked if the pitch of the roof will remain the same. Ms. Mertes indicated that it would.

Ms. Mertes indicated that she has also looked at removing the wood siding below the canopy, but the adhesive has damaged the brick.

Commissioner Seibert indicated that he prefers to have a flat roof.

Commissioner Halsey indicated that her insurance company may have a problem with a flat roof. They may want it at an angle.

Director Ostrowski asked if the canopy is finished off under the roof. He also indicated that the roof faces south, so the snow may not be an issue. The concern that he has is the possibility of icing on the roof and having the ice slide off when the sun warms the roof. Since the roof is over the sidewalk, the ice would fall into the roadway. Ms. Mertes indicated that the canopy is finished off

Commissioner Seibert indicated that they could install snow jacks, which would break up the ice, but they do not always look aesthetically pleasing.

Commissioner Seibert asked if she could look at doing a flat roof. Ms. Mertes said she could look into it. Commissioner Seibert said he would like her to investigate doing a flat roof and if it is not a viable option, then allow Director Ostrowski and Chairperson Beveridge to approve the change.

Motion by Commissioner Siebert to have Ms. Mertes investigate doing a flat roof and if it is not a viable option, then allow Director Ostrowski and Chairperson Beveridge to approve the change; seconded by Alderperson Stroik. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Discussion and possible action on updating Chapter 22 (Historic Preservation / Design Review) of the Stevens Point Revised Municipal Code and the Design Guidelines for the Historic Preservation / Design Review Commission.

Discussion occurred regarding the current design guidelines. It was decided the Commission would like to use the design guidelines from Washington, North Carolina as a template. The commissioner asked Director Ostrowski to contact Washington, North Carolina to see if they would allow the use of their guidelines in whole or in part.

4. Other business.

There was no other business.

5. Adjourn.

Motion by Commissioner Seibert to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Kruthoff. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.