

FEBRUARY 5, 2019

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Butte Silver Bow Council Chambers
5:30 P.M.**

Members Present: Steve Hinick, Russell O’Leary, Jennifer Petersen, Mitzi Rossillon,
and John Weitzel

Members Excused: Butch Gerbrandt, Bobbi Stauffer

Staff: Mary McCormick, HPO
Roxie Larson, Secretary

M I N U T E S

I. Call to Order - The Historic Preservation Commission meeting was called to order at 5:35 P.M.

II. Roll Call – Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

III. Reading/Approval of Minutes – Mr. Hinick called for approval of the minutes of the January 8, 2019 meeting. Mr. Weitzel seconded the motion. The voice vote in favor was unanimous.

IV. Public Comment – Items on Agenda – None.

V. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

A. Design Review COA: Staack’s Motor Supply, New Warehouse at 101 West Mercury Street. Ms. McCormick reported on the application, which is made a part of these minutes. Ms. McCormick stated this project is coming to the Commission for design review due the fact the owner is seeking a URA grant. My recommendation is to approve the COA application, noting that that the proposed warehouse’s simple rectangular plan, gable roof, and vertical corrugated wall siding will help to blend the building into the area without adversely impacting what’s left of its historic commercial/industrial character.

Mr. Hinick thanked Ms. McCormick and ask if the Commission had any questions.

Mr. Weitzel questioned you aren't putting a basement or anything in there? Or is it going to be your same yard with a roof over it?

Mr. Brian Staack stated we aren't going to have a basement, just covered cold storage.

Ms. Rossillon stated this building is not appropriate for our historic district and the fact that it is in an area that has fewer historic buildings does not change my opinion that it doesn't belong in our district. For example right across the street is M&L. Right down the street is what is left of our red light district. Probably my biggest objection is the scale of the building, quite large and visitors driving up and down Arizona Street will have no problem seeing it. It is so out of scale for a building in the area. At this point there is no attempt to make it in anyway try to fit into the historic district with windows that are larger even if the interior would be blocked with some kind of color. I cannot support this project.

Mr. Brian Staack stated we are trying really hard. We don't have a ton of money. We were trying to do something smaller but it just didn't fit the neighborhood. We are trying to match our current building to make it as appealing as possible. It is a major eye sore right now in my opinion with that fence and all the stuff in the yard. We are going to do new pavement, trees, grass and landscaping and make it a lot more appealing for Uptown Butte and the people driving by. It will definitely be more appealing than what we have now. When we started out we were just going to build a pole barn. That is when we thought about the URA and if we got a little extra there we could make it a nice appealing building to match our current area. On the south side of the building where it has the carriage works ghost sign, we are keeping that. We are putting our customers' bikes indoors instead of outdoors. We are sincerely trying to do the right thing with the money that we do have. Thank you. I appreciate you guys.

Mr. O'Leary questioned on your main building I see some brick work on the front is that correct? Is there any brick on the main entrance?

Mr. Staack stated no there is not.

Ms. McCormick stated the brick remains exposed on the west side where the addition is and the south side where the ghost sign is.

Mr. Staack stated honestly we sent our three (3) bids to do this and no one would even give us a bid. We have one contractor that has been advising us but it is barely cost effective right now.

Mr. Weitzel questioned you said there is no plumbing in the building correct?

Mr. Staack stated that is correct.

Mr. Hinick made a motion to approve the Staack's Warehouse building; Mr. Weitzel seconded the motion.

The voice vote in favor of the motion was three (3) for and two (2) opposed. Motion passes.

B. Design Review COA: Butte Academy of Beauty Culture, New Sign at 303 West Park Street

Ms. McCormick gave a brief description of the COA application, which is made part of the minutes.

Mr. Weitzel abstained from voting.

Ms. Rossillion made a motion to approve the Design Review COA for the Butte Academy of Beauty Culture new sign.

Mr. O'Leary seconded the motion.

The voice vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

C. CLG Grant Application 2019-20

Ms. McCormick gave a brief description of the grant and its process. The application needs a copy of the minutes to accompany the grant and that is why it is here before you tonight.

Mr. Hinick asked if there were any questions. There being none, Mr. Hinick made a motion to approve the CLG Grant Application 2019-20.

Mr. Weitzel seconded the motion.

The voice vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

VI. STAFF/MEMBER REPORT-

Town Pump's Platinum and Montana Project

Ms. McCormick gave a short update on the Town Pump's Platinum and Montana Street Project.

B-SB Growth Policy

Ms. McCormick gave a brief description of the Growth Policy meetings and asked everyone to try to attend at least one of the meetings being held.

Montana History Foundation Grant for Restoration of Sewell's Prism & Stained Glass Transom

Ms. McCormick gave an update on the grant.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA - None

IX. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.