

CITY OF OSKALOOSA  
MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
March 13, 2014

The meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission for the City of Oskaloosa was called to order at 12:06 pm on Thursday, March 13, 2014, at the City Hall Conference Room 220 S. Market St. Oskaloosa, Iowa.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Sisul, Kerri Boender, Wanda Gardner, Julie Hansen.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Margaret Ademeit, Jo Broerman.

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Building Official: Dave Weide.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Applicant: John McCall, Performance Sign & Design; Matt Crawford, Manager, Oskaloosa Sherwin Williams

Minutes from the December 11, 2014 meeting.

Sisul moved to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2013 meeting.

Gardner seconded.

Vote: YES: Sisul, Boender, Gardner and Hansen

NO: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ademeit and Broerman

MOTION CARRIED

Consider approval of signage for 117 High Avenue West.

The applicant proposed a new sign that would be the same as the existing sign with the addition of some color added to the "Cover the Earth" logo. The applicant stated the sign would be installed in the existing cabinet. Commissioner Gardner asked if the sign would be back lit. The applicant responded that it would. Sisul explained that the historic district guidelines do not recommend signs that are back lit. He stated the colors were OK with him but he would like to see the sign externally lit. The applicant stated that the proposed sign with internal lighting was a Sherwin Williams Company standard. He would have to take the Commissions recommendations back to the corporate offices and they would have to work on a new design. Commissioner Hansen asked if Sherwin Williams had other stores located in historic districts. Hansen went on to state Sherwin Williams could possibly use a design already approved by another historic commission. The applicant asked if the under awning sign could be approved. The Commission agreed not to approve it.

The Commission members continued their discussion regarding the sign and lighting. The Commission agreed to allow the sign as proposed, with internal lighting, to be installed on the north (back) of the building.

Sisul moved to approve the sign on the back of the building with internal lighting.

Boender seconded.

Vote: YES: Sisul, Boender, Gardner and Hansen

NO: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Ademeit and Broerman,  
MOTION CARRIED

Sisul moved to approve a flat sign using the proposed sign colors and design. Signs on the front of the building should have external lighting as recommended in the Historic District Guidelines.

Boender seconded.

Vote: YES: Sisul, Boender, Gardner and Hansen

NO: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ademeit and Broerman,

MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Hansen excused herself from the meeting at 1:05pm because of a prior commitment.

Commissioner Gardner proposed the Commission consider recognizing contractors and building owners who have worked towards improving the appearance of the historic district. It was suggested the Commission could work with the Chamber of Commerce in issuing awards. Chairperson Sisul stated he would contact the Chamber.

The Commission asked Staff if an ordinance could be proposed to the City Council which would require all non-conforming signs in the historic district be removed by a specific date. Staff agreed to look into it.

Sisul moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:16pm

Gardner seconded.

Vote; YES: Sisul, Boender and Gardner

NO: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ademeit, Hansen and Broerman

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 1:16pm.

Minutes by Dave Weide