



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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Monday, March 18, 2019

3:00 PM

City Hall, Room 301-A

Special - Amended March 5th (item #1 - file 181637 was added).

Meeting convened: 3:03 P.M.

Present: 5 - Pieper Eisenbrown, Jarosz, Clendenen-Acosta, Keating Kahn, Peltz

Excused: 1 - Bauman

1. [181637](#) Resolution relating to a Certificate of Appropriateness for storefront modifications at 2636 N. Downer Avenue, in the Downer Avenue Historic District, for Wade Ritchie and F45.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Mr. Tim Askin said this matter was heard at our prior meeting and a new revised design has been offered. Staff recommends approval as currently proposed.

Mr. Wade Ritchie - he has nothing to add and F45 also approved it.

A motion was made by Matt Jarosz, seconded by Sally Peltz, that this Resolution be ADOPTED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Pieper Eisenbrown, Clendenen-Acosta, Jarosz, Keating Kahn, and Peltz

No: 0

Excused: 2 - VACANCY, and Bauman

2. [181639](#) Resolution relating to the Permanent Historic Designation of the Milwaukee Journal Company Building and site at 333 West State Street in the 4th Ald. District.

Sponsors: Ald. Bauman and Ald. Murphy

Ms. Carlen Hatala said this nomination was made by Ald. Bauman and Ald. Murphy, who were concerned as the property is up for sale. Ms. Hatala said the building was constructed in 1924, although some of the earlier work was done in 1923 by Frank D. Chase as the enogineer/architect. Ms. Hatala just discovered that a New York expert in newspaper buildings did the layout, operating plan and general engineering for the New York Tribune as well as this building. Ms. Hatala went through the history of the building, which is included in the file as the Staff Report. Many features of the building are still intact, although the windows were replaced at some point in time. The frieze was removed in 2011 as it was too costly to repair. Ms. Hatala added a list of contractors to the study report. The building expanded in 1982 under Lucious Nieman, who wanted carefully researched articles and condensed with an absence of flowery words. He was also an independent and supported numerous political parties. The World War 2 period was a period of great expansion for the company, in the 1940s and 1950s. The stone does have nice, but not elaborate, detail work. The Journal acquired the Sentinel in 1962 and moved it to this building. The frieze was special as it dealt with the whole human history of communication.

Staff recommends permanent historic designation based on e-1, e-3, e-5, and e-9. Ald. Michael Murphy - Gannett generally sells companies and he is concerned what would happen with this building.

The designation also covers the parking space so that a building couldn't be constructed to overshadow the historic building.

A motion was made by Patricia Keating Kahn, seconded by Sally Peltz, that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION AND ASSIGNED to the ZONING, NEIGHBORHOODS & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE . This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Pieper Eisenbrown, Clendenen-Acosta, Jarosz, Keating Kahn, and Peltz

No: 0

Excused: 2 - VACANCY, and Bauman

Meeting adjourned: 3:47 P.M.

Linda M. Elmer

Staff Assistant

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