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Minutes
Historic Preservation Commission
Tuesday, October 29, 2019
City Hall Conference Room
Special Meeting
7:00 PM

Present: Chair Kelley Archer; Ernie Lowell; Kate Gaudet; Diana Huot; Andrew Bracy; Jack Cianchette

Excused: Steve Ryan

Unexcused: Julia May; Rob Biggs

Also Present: Emily Cole-Prescott, City Planner; Isabelle Oechsle, Program Coordinator; Roger Gay, Council Liaison

1. Call to Order: Chair Kelley Archer called the meeting to order at 7:43 PM.
Chair Kelley Archer appointed Andrew Bracy as a voting member for tonight's meeting purposes.
2. New Business, Tabled Items & Public Hearings –
 - a. Zoning Ordinance Revision:
 - Historic Preservation Ordinance: Adoption of Report to City Council on draft Zoning Ordinance Revision relative to Historic Preservation

Andrew Bracy moved to forward the Historic Preservation Commission's report on the Zoning Ordinance's Historic Preservation provisions in Article XIX and recommend that the City Council adopt the Historic Preservation provisions (Article XIX) as amended in the Commission's report. Diana Huot seconded. Diana Huot asked the City Planner if it was possible to make the City Council aware of items that the Commission plans to review as subsequent amendments. Emily Cole-Prescott replied that the subsequent amendments list can be drafted and sent to the Council after review by the Commission. Chair Archer suggested having some workshops regarding proposed maximum height in the downtown district in the proposed zoning ordinance, and the Commission agreed. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. Old Business:
 - a. RFP preservation consultant for 90 Temple Street: 90 Temple Street is a national historic landmark, which experienced a major fire in 2012 and then was acquired by the city in 2016. A draft RFP was written in June 2019. Members discovered a grant opportunity that might be applicable to 90 Temple Street with an upcoming deadline in December 2019. Roger Gay, Council Liaison, suggested a workshop to review this matter.

Next HPC meeting is on November 13th at 4:00 PM.

4. Adjournment: Adjourned at 8:05 PM.