

## DIXON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes of the Commission meeting of March 17, 2015

- 1. Call to order.** The meeting was called to order by John McLane in the conference room of the Public Safety Building at 218p.
- 2. Roll call.** Commissioners present were James Higby, John McLane, and Duane Paulsen. [Secretary's note: Three members constitute a quorum.] Also in attendance were Mayor Burke, Jeff Reis and Tom Houck of Willett, Hofmann & Associates, and John Morley III of Morley Sign Co.
- 3. Approval of minutes.** Minutes of the meeting of January 12, 2015 have been distributed electronically, and printed copies have been distributed to all persons present at today's meeting. **Duane Paulsen moved, and John McLane seconded, that the minutes be approved as printed and read. Voting Aye: Higby, McLane, and Paulsen. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.**
- 4. Notices and communications.**
  - a. Included in the meeting agenda packet was a five-page report from Greg Langan and James Higby titled "20150303 Historic Signage Proof Copy." This report featured the finalized, proposed texts for historical signage on 25 buildings in the Downtown Dixon Historic District. Also featured were texts for each of three plaques which explain the history and symbolism represented by the murals at the Reagan Peace Park at the northeast corner of Galena Avenue and Second Street.
  - b. Higby noted that an error in the text for Commerce Towers has been corrected, pursuant to fresh research, and the report is now titled "20150317 Historic Signage Proof Copy."
  - b. Mayor Burke indicated that he will send the aforementioned texts to Erie Landmark Co. for estimates of the cost to produce a bronze plaque for each text.
- 5. Public comment.** There were no comments by the public.
- 6. Old business.** There was no old business.
- 7. New business.** The floor was turned over to Tom Houck, who displayed a computer-aided drawing based on James Higby's sketch of the footprints of the former buildings in what is now the Town Square Block. Discussion ensued, with considerable input from John Morley as to the type and size, and materials needed to realize historic signage for the Town Square Block, and the approximate costs and durability of the various options. Further study is necessary before a final decision is made. Higby will submit several digital photographs of storefronts that were familiar to the citizens of yesteryear. Some of these will become vignettes spaced around the periphery of the building schematic. Higby and McLane will visit the south side of First Street between Galena and Hennepin Avenues to identify specific locations that might be suitable for the erection of a sign.
- 8. Adjournment.** **Duane Paulsen moved, and John McLane seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Voting Aye: McLane, Paulsen, and Higby. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 317p.**

Respectfully submitted by James Higby, Secretary  
Dixon Historic Preservation Commission