

DIXON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes of the Commission meeting of April 14, 2017

1. **Call to order.** The meeting was called to order by John McLane in Council Chambers at 9a.
2. **Roll call.** Commissioners present were James Higby, Dr. Carol Krueger, Greg Langan, John McLane, and Duane Paulsen. **A quorum was declared.** Also present were Rachel Drew and Aim Yindeeroop.
3. **Approval of minutes.** Minutes of the meeting of September 30, 2016 have been distributed electronically, and printed copies have been distributed to all persons present at today's meeting. **Greg Langan moved, and Duane Paulsen seconded, that the minutes be approved as printed and read. Voting Aye: Krueger, Langan, McLane, Paulsen, and Higby. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.**
4. **Notices and communications.** The agenda packet included the following:
 - an updated inventory of bronze plaques that have been installed and plaques yet to be delivered to building owners; **John McLane indicated that two more plaques had been delivered to property owners since the update. A corrected copy of the latest update will be sent to Mayor Arellano, per his request.**
 - a current roster of Commission members; the term of Greg Langan will expire on June 30, 2017; **Greg will need to notify the Secretary of his decision to leave or stay on the Commission so that City Council can take appropriate action before the June 30 expiration**
 - an 8 1/2 x 11 copy of the Town Square Block historical map created in 2015
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5. **Public comment.** There were no comments by the public.
6. **Old business.** There was no old business.
7. **New business.**
 - a. The floor was turned over to Rachel Drew and Aim Yindeeroop, representing a new business named **Somkit**, a Thai and sushi restaurant, for their presentation of a plan to modify the façade of the building at 214 West First Street (the former Snow White Bakery). There is currently an aluminum awning frame, still in good condition and wrapping around the front and part of the alley side of the building. Rachel and Aim propose to put up a new awning made of solution-dyed acrylic material which will feature, on the street side, a hand-painted logo. After a question-and-answer period **Greg Langan moved, and Dr. Krueger seconded, that the Commission approve the proposal. Voting Aye: Langan, McLane, Paulsen, Higby, and Krueger. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.** Commissioners expressed their thanks to Rachel and Aim for their presentation and wished them well in their new business venture. A copy of their awning diagram is attached to these minutes.
 - b. James Higby expressed his continuing interest in doing something with the Town Square Block historic map created two years ago. There is interest on the Commission in pursuing that objective. At this time it is not known how much it would cost to create and install such signage near the Town Square Block, nor who might pay for the project. **John McLane will contact John Morley Sign Co. to get an update, if not a firm bid, on the cost to complete the job and subsequently make inquiries as to how the project might be financed.**

c. In other new business Greg Langan spoke of the deteriorated condition of several components of the Reagan Peace Park at the northwest corner of Galena Avenue and Second Street, to wit:

i. The murals, which were created in the late 1990s, have developed areas where the paint has failed, leaving blank white areas. As this deterioration progresses, the murals will become both unsightly and meaningless in the context of the messages they are intended to convey.

ii. The concrete in front of the Wings of Peace has deteriorated to the point of needing replacement.

iii. One section of the curved retaining wall is leaning northward, resulting in a safety hazard. James Higby noted that he has twice photographed this particular damage and reported it to City Hall. Likewise he noted that he had photographed and reported the heaving of sidewalk directly across the street to the west, creating another safety hazard for those rounding the corner as they return to their cars from events at the Dixon Historic Theatre.

John McLane will take a series of photographs of these areas and contact Mayor Arellano with our concerns.

iv. **Our next meeting will be held in Council Chambers at 9a on Friday, April 28, 2017.**

8. Adjournment. James Higby moved, and Duane Paulsen seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Voting Aye: McLane, Paulsen, Higby, Krueger, and Langan. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 952a.

Respectfully submitted by James Higby, Secretary
Dixon Historic Preservation Commission