

DIXON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes of the Commission meeting of March 29, 2019

- 1. Call to order.** The meeting was called to order by John McLane in Council Chambers at 1002a.
- 2. Roll call.** Commissioners present were James Higby, Dr. Carol Krueger, Greg Langan, John McLane, and Tom Wadsworth. **A quorum was declared.** Also present was Joe Bay of the Building Department.
- 3. Approval of minutes.** Minutes of the meeting of 20190117 have been distributed electronically to all persons present at today's meeting. **Tom Wadsworth moved, and Greg Langan seconded, that the minutes be approved as printed and read. Voting Aye: Krueger, Langan, McLane, Wadsworth, and Higby. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.**
- 4. Notices and communications.** The agenda packet included the following:
 - an application from Jason and Vanessa Rubright for awnings and signage at 106 West River Street
 - the Dorochoff panel for 106 West River Street
- 5. Public comment.** There was no public comment.
- 6. Old business.** Chairperson McLane reviewed the plan for sending letters to owners of properties in the Historic District, as well as to contractors who might be hired for façade and other modifications to building exteriors. Dixon Chamber of Commerce and Main Street will furnish mailing addresses, and the letters will go out under City of Dixon letterhead. City Manager Danny Langloss will be part of this process.
- 7. New business.** The Commission reviewed the Rubright application for a permit to install three awnings and signage to the building at 106 West First Street. Concept drawings showing all proposed modifications were provided by the Rubrights as part of the application. It was noted that one of the awnings had already been installed over the window facing West River Street.

Greg Langan moved, and Tom Wadsworth seconded, a motion to approve all three awnings. After some clarifications and discussion, the motion was voted upon. **Voting Aye: Wadsworth, Higby, Krueger, Langan, and McLane. Motion carried.**

Tom Wadsworth moved, and James Higby seconded, that the Commission suggest that the petitioners consider a color scheme for the building that complements the black and white scheme of the awnings. After discussion, the motion was voted upon. **Voting Aye: McLane, Wadsworth, Higby, Krueger, and McLane. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.**

Tom Wadsworth moved, and James Higby seconded, that the Commission suggest the removal of the four lines of movable text on the signage facing Galena Avenue. Commissioners discussed some of the reasons for this, including visibility problems from the street and possible distraction to drivers. After this discussion, the motion was voted upon. **Voting Aye: Krueger and Wadsworth. Voting Nay: McLane and Higby. Motion failed.** For the record, Mr. Langan had left before the vote was taken.

John McLane moved, and Tom Wadsworth seconded, that the Commission approve [only] the upper portion of the signage showing the company name and logo. Discussion centered on the assumption that the company name and logo are of prime importance and constitute what passersby would see and remember. **Voting Aye: McLane, Wadsworth, Higby, and Krueger. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.**

It should be noted that Mr. Wadsworth quoted from the Historic Preservation Guidelines booklet at several junctures, which provided valuable guidance in the Commission's discussions and decisions.

8. Adjournment. James Higby moved, and Tom Wadsworth seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Voting Aye: McLane, Wadsworth, Higby, and Krueger. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 1137a.

Respectfully submitted by James Higby, Secretary
Dixon Historic Preservation Commission