

**FRANKLIN HERITAGE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
CITY HALL- BASEMENT MEETING ROOM
Tuesday, February 16, 2016 5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:38

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call

Present: Councilor Glen Feener, Bob Lucas, Michael Mullavey, Paul Trudel, George Dzujna, Jeff Whitney, & Richard Lewis (Planning and Zoning Director).

Election of Officers:

The floor is opened for the election of a Chair. A motion is made [Dzujna / Trudel] to elect Glen Feener as the Chair; the vote is unanimous to elect Glen Feener.

The floor is opened for the election of a Vice-Chair. A motion is made [Lucas / Whitney] to elect Mike Mullavey as the Vice-Chair; the vote is unanimous to elect Mike Mullavey.

New Business

H16-01: PermaCity Life, Owner; requests Heritage Commission approval for façade improvements [4 new arched windows and 1 new doorway] to the existing building located at 366-378 Central Street, Tax Map/Lot # 117-151-00, B-2 Zone (High-Density Business and Commercial District).

[Note: Vice Chair Mullavey recused himself from this hearing; Chair Feener sits in place of Mike Mullavey]

Tim Morrill, representing the applicant, outlines the project. A copy of the proposed façade improvements was provided as part of the application package, which was distributed to the members of the Commission. He explains that one existing doorway will be replaced by a new window. The new windows that will be installed along the façade will be located behind the brick arch, but the windows themselves will not be arched due to cost constraints. The trim color will match the existing color scheme for the building. The area of the building shown on the submitted plan where the dental office was located is not part of the application under consideration. The final design of the portion of the overall building is still undergoing review.

Member Whitney asks whether the windows will be tinted or plain. Tim M. responds that they will be plain glass. Chair Feener asks whether the green trim color is an approved color. Tim M. responds yes, and adds that the green trim for the windows was approved by the Commission many years ago, before there was a formal review and approval process.

Audience member Leigh Webb asks if there are any original window frames in the building. Tim M. responds that yes, and they are working to match the windows as closely as possible. Leigh W. indicates that he applauds the efforts to revitalize this building and make these improvements to the façade. He indicates that the Historical Society would be happy to help out in any way they can.

Audience member Annette Andreozzi indicates that this is a good project to carry out these improvements with a historical perspective, and she does not have a problem with the project or with the windows being recessed

behind the brick archways.. She asks a clarification question of whether the door for the upstairs residential area is being removed. Tim M. responds that only the door to the middle store area is being removed; this retail space will be accessed with the existing door for the coffee shop.

Member Whitney asks how far back the windows will be located. Tim M. responds they will be just behind the brick columns.

Chair Feener states that he thinks this is a great improvement for the downtown and he supports the project. Members Lucas and Dzujna echo these thoughts.

A motion [Trudel / Dzujna] is made to approve the project as presented and discussed. All members vote in favor to approve.

Chair Feener steps down as a voting member and Vice-Chair Mullavey returns to the table.

Old Business: None.

Public Comment: None.

Member Dzujna mentions that for their next meeting, it would be a good idea to provide a general update on revitalization efforts for the downtown and mill district areas.

Adjournment

A motion [Trudel / Lucas] is made to adjourn the meeting of February 16th, 2016. All in favor.