

**FRANKLIN HERITAGE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
Thursday September 28, 2016 6:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:03

☐ **Salute to the Flag**

☐ **Roll Call**

**Present:** Chair Glen Feener, Jeff Whitney, Bob Lucas, & Richard Lewis (Planning and Zoning Director).

**Absent:** Michael Mullavey, Paul Trudel & George Dzujna

☐ **Approval of Minutes from Oct. 26, 2015, Feb. 16, 2016, April 27, 2016, and Sep. 15, 2016.**

Lucas/Whitney motioned and seconded approval with no corrections or adjustments. All were in favor.

Chairman Feener announced that he will be voting in place of absent members, and the three voting members present represented a quorum and if applicants still wished to continue the meeting would start.

**New Business**

- ☐ A proposal by Franklin Savings Bank for new signage and branding at their main office at 387 Central Street. The work includes a new clock, new signage and logos, and directional and office hour signs.

Paul Martin of Barlo Signs described the sizes, shapes and colors of the new signs proposed, mentioning that the old time/temperature clock would be replaced with a time only clock which was more historically appropriate. The wall lettering across the front of the bank would be more contemporary and in white. All other signs would be of the same size as existing signs but incorporate the new bank logo and the purple and green color scheme.

Annette Andreozzi, Historical Society Board Member, applauded the bank for replacing the clock; however she did question the choice of the modern white lettering replacing the existing bronze lettering across the bank. She also felt that other signage should be more in keeping with the look of the downtown district.

Ron Magoon, President and CEO of Franklin Savings Bank, responded that the existing signage was over 28 years old and that the decision to go with the contemporary signage was to better connect with the new Millennials and the current demographic makeup of the city. He also stated that to better serve their customers, the bank chose to mimic their new signs throughout their branches.

With no further public comment, the meeting was brought back to the Board. Members Lucas and Whitney inquired about the clock materials. Mr. Martin said that the clock was cast metal with gold lettering.

Member Lucas advanced a motion that the Heritage Commission approve the sign, clock, and overall design package for the work to be performed at the Franklin Savings Bank, 387 Central Street. The Commission finds that the type, and design, of the sign and clock package does not have an adverse impact on the historic nature of the core downtown area. Member Whitney seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- Proposed new windows and door(s) at 227 Central Street [commonly known as the old video store]; the property is owned by Louis Ferrari. The work is associated with the renovation of the property into 3 new apartment units.

Lynn Noyes, manager of Franklin Falls Apartments, spoke on behalf of Mr. Ferrari. She referenced the photos of the proposed windows and door mentioning that the windows would be wrapped in metal as opposed to the original wood. The color on both the windows and door would be a dark brown.

Annette Andreozzi spoke that although she understood that the old window frames may not be restorable, she felt that the Commission needs to be specific as to the size, shape and color of the proposed replacements. She showed historical photos of the original building with the white framed windows with the four over eight over eight pane arrangement. She mentioned that the building was erected in the 1920s with a more colonial touch which included white woodwork and columns. Since this is a very visible building when coming into the city, she feels that white would be more appropriate instead of the brown or dark green.

With no other public comments, the discussion was brought back to the Board. Member Lucas asked if all the windows were to be replaced and member Whitney asked if the windows had already been purchased. Ms. Noyes answered that all the windows would be replaced and that although they have received estimates on the windows, they have yet to be purchased. Director Lewis clarified that the window and door framing would be dark brown and that the windows were double hung with screens on the bottom. There was a discussion about the material used in the curved pediment above the windows. Ms. Noyes thought it might be granite. Member Lucas asked if the pediments were included in the overall window project and Ms. Noyes indicated that only to repair the one that is slightly damaged. Member Lucas then asked if the board was suggesting deviating from the proposed plan and both Whitney and Feener said that they did not object to the color scheme.

Member Lucas motioned that the Heritage Commission approve the window and door package for the Ferrari building a 227 Central Street. The Commission finds that the type, and design, of the window and door package does not have an adverse impact on the historic nature of the core downtown area. The motion was seconded by Member Whitney and was approved by all.

**Other Business:** None

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 P.M.