

# IDAHO FALLS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

June 7, 2012

4:30 p.m.

City Annex Building Conference Room  
680 Park Avenue

## Minutes

**Attending:** Julie Williams; Roxane Mitro; Loretta Evans; Dina Sallak; Graham Whipple; and Kim Smith. Renee Magee and Debra Petty, staff. Nathan Kennedy and Keith Kennedy, applicants.

### **Call to Order at 4:37 p.m.**

**Design Review for CDGB Application for the ARTitorium Façade:** Magee said the original concept submitted in January differs in color and signage from the one under review. Whipple asked Nathan Kennedy what period of time he is replicating in his design, early 1920's or 1950's. Nathan Kennedy said the original façade of early 1920's.

Williams said recently the Commission approved grant money for façade improvements to the building which retained most of the character of the 1950's. She said the 1928 structure was demolished and wondered why the applicant chose to identify with that era. Many of the 1950's elements are there and the thought is to retain, repair and reuse. Whipple said the new improvements differ greatly from what was recently approved by the Commission. The 1950's façade is streamlined, clean and mostly intact.

Magee said Treasures was denied façade improvement money since the owners did not retain the original character of the building. She believes the 1950's façade is not appreciated but is important to history. Sallak said the rendering presented has no relation to the 1920's and is more relative to the 1950's. Kennedy said materials to mimic the 1950's are more costly than the 1920's. Mitro views the request as an infill project not relative to the period. Kennedy believes the proposal follows the flow of adjacent buildings in architecture and intended materials. Whipple said the rendering does not show the level of detail seen in structures from the early 20's. Infill should be similar to the Phoenix. Magee said the historic significance is 1950's with the sign above the façade.

Keith Kennedy said metal panels are very expensive and his clients have a limited budget. This is something the clients asked him to do. Whipple suggested Nathan Kennedy contact SHPO for guidance as grant money will not be awarded unless it meets the design guidelines. He encouraged the applicant to revisit the design and come back with one more appropriate. The Commission is available for feedback. Smith said he likes the design and can see it fitting into another area of town but not in the downtown. Magee agreed Nathan Kennedy was successful in creating what his clients wanted but it does not fit into the scale of the adjacent buildings or the 1950's façade.

**Miscellaneous:** The presentation by TAG on researching the history of your home is Tuesday, June 26, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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Debra Petty, Recording Secretary