

**IDAHO FALLS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**Regular Meeting**

**Thursday, March 29, 2018**

**12:00 p.m., Annex Conference Room**

**Minutes**

**Attending:** Hereschell Mynarcik, Graham Whipple, Catherine Smith, Roxane Mitro, Carrie Athay, Renee Magee

**Meeting called to order at 12:04 p.m.**

**Minutes:** Approval of March 1, 2018 minutes postponed to the regular scheduled meeting on April 5, 2018.

**Jacob Grant Equity, LLC. - Façade Improvement Project 490 Park Ave.**

Brent went over the staff report (Exhibit A) and proposed project. He explained that the exterior of the building would be brick instead of the siding that was proposed previously. The photo of the proposed façade was not to scale and is not completely accurate. The alcove for the man door and the NanaWall/Transom will also be inset and not flush with the rest of the structure. Jake (applicant) indicated that the windows were not to scale on the photo, the doors are 8 feet tall and the header is not yet engineered so he was guessing that the windows will be 3 feet, depending on the header. The existing windows measure 9 feet from the sidewalk and not the bulkhead. Jake also explained that it is not feasible to line the vertical columns up due to the structural issues of the building and the steel beams inside do not line up with the columns outside. He planned to match the exterior brick with the interior brick. There was some concern and discussion regarding the size of the bricks that Jake addressed by stating that he would make sure the brick is the same size as the existing brick. Other discussion included the matching up the height of the man door and alcove with the neighboring storefront and again lining up the columns with a wider span between the NanaWalls and man door, to create "bookends," however structurally it would not line up and those vertical lines disappeared in the 1950's. It was decided that the horizontal lines were more important to maintain. The Commission not only felt it was important that the horizontal lines are uniform, but it is also part of the guidelines for the Commission and SHPO to follow. Jake indicated that an awning could be added in the future and that there is so much material on the building and he is taking it down to the steel, so it may not be flush with the rest of the building. The Commission agreed that the bulkhead on the bottom needed to be more visible. The Commission agreed that the three lines to be preserved are the bulkhead, the awning, and the transom. There was some concern that the three lines may not stand out due to the recessed walls, however that will be up to the designer and building codes. There was a question regarding signage, however Jake is undecided on the signage, and the sign on the sketch may not be what is constructed.

Renee made a motion to draft a letter to SHPO recommending that the bulkhead, transom, and awning lines be maintained in uniform with the rest of the building as also listed in Julie's letter (Exhibit B), the brick be the same size of the existing brick and that the letter include historic pictures .

Roxane seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission thanked Jake for investing in the preservation of the building as well as the downtown. The Commission also thanked him for his patience.

The next regular meeting will be April 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00.

Herschell adjourned the meeting at 12:55.

Respectfully,

Naysha Foster, Recording Secretary