Minutes of the April 27, 2017 meeting of the Washington Historic Preservation Commission.

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. at the Washington City Hall conference room.

Members present: Roland Walwer, Jim Newman, Walter Ruppman, Brent Goken, and Dan Bagley

Members absent: Dan Phillips

Also present: Jon Oliphant, Jim Culotta, Brock Heider, and Chris Jones

Mr. Ruppman made a motion to approve the October 18, 2016 Commission meeting minutes. Second by Mr. Walwer. Motion approved 5-0.

The new business was to review the Certificate of Appropriateness that was filed by Heider Properties for the 101-103 Washington Square buildings. Brock Heider and contractor Chris Jones were present at the meeting to describe the proposed changes to the Commission and discuss the plans and photographs submitted as part of the application. Brock stated that the back entry to the building will become the main entrance to the Blacksmith's Steakhouse. That entrance is close to the elevators that service all three floors and businesses in the building. The current main entrance to Denhart's will remain as-is. There will be lights under the new covered awning, but not built into the sides. They will attempt to somewhat hide the current electrical conduits on the back of the building. It was agreed by the Commission that the design intent was acceptable, assuming no bright colors were used (fluorescents, pink, etc.). Brock noted that matching brick would be used on the piers and the design would fit in with the surrounding building and its characteristics. Mr. Bagley made motion to approve the design as submitted. Mr. Walwer second. Motion approved 5-0. Mr. Oliphant noted that it was approved and Heider Properties should obtain the necessary permits.

In existing business, the LeBakery sign was discussed as a follow up to the October meeting. Mr. Oliphant stated that he had spoken to the LeBakery owner 3-4 weeks ago and they do plan to paint more of the side elevation sign black, to approximately 1' from the letters. Mr. Oliphant said he would follow up with LeBakery.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45pm. The next meeting date will be at a time and location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Bagley