ASHLAND HISTORIC COMMISSION ELECTRONIC MEETING Meeting Minutes September 8, 2021

Community Development/Engineering Services Building – Electronic Meeting

CALL TO ORDER:

Shostrom called the electronic meeting to order at 6:08pm.

Commissioners Present:	Council Liaison:
Shostrom	Shaun Moran
Whitford	Staff Present:
Von Chamier	Maria Harris; Planning Dept.
Swink	Regan Trapp; Admin Support
Hovenkamp	
Skibby	
Emery	
Commissioners Absent:	ALL PRESENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Hovenkamp/Whitford m/s to approve minutes for May 5, 2021. Voice vote. ALL AYES. Swink abstained. Motion passed.

PUBLIC FORUM:

There was no one wishing to speak.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

Councilor Moran gave the Council Liaison report. Items discussed were:

• The Community Center and Pioneer Hall Ad-Hoc Committee has been formed and meeting since June 15, 2021. They are researching and looking at cost efficient ways to make both buildings safe and get them open to the public. George Kramer will provide their final recommendations report to City Council at their regular business meeting on September 21, 2021.

PRE-APPLICATION REVIEW

101 A' Street – The project includes the remodel and addition of the existing Plexis building.

Harris gave a background and history on the property and stated that the applicant will have to submit a formal application before it comes back to the Commission.

Applicant's representatives present – Ian and Paul from Arkitek Darci from Blue Marble

The applicant's spoke in depth about their project at 101 A Street. Blue Marble is an award-winning creator of inspiring, educational children's toys. This local company has grown so much that they require a larger space to create their new designs. Blue Marble aims to revitalize this historic building while providing a creative space for their employees. The proposal includes a new second floor and roof top atrium consisting of a mezzanine and roof top kitchen.

Election of officers:

Harris spoke about the election of officers and brought up the code stating that the Chair and Vice Chair cannot serve more than 3 consecutive years.

There was discussion that this is not the right time to elect a Chair/Vice Chair to the Commission.

Hovenkamp would like to discuss what the Commission's role is moving forward. There is other work to be done regarding Historic Preservation. She would like to promote more conversation on what the Commission could be aside from approving projects. The Commission agreed that they would like to be more involved and make connections with others to take a broader view of history.

Hovenkamp nominated for Chair Von Chamier nominated for Vice Chair

Skibby/Shostrom m/s to approve nomination of Hovenkamp as Chair and Von Chamier as Vice Chair. ALL AYES. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next meeting is scheduled October 6, 2021 at 6:00pm via Zoom. There being no other items to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:32pm Respectfully submitted by Regan Trapp