

**CITY OF NORTH ST. PAUL
DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, May 26, 2016
5:00 PM**

City of North St. Paul Castle Room
2400 Margaret Street, North St. Paul, Minnesota

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Commission members present: Paul Anderson, Lou Ann Stevens, Patrick Blees, Joe Stahlmann, Deb Fairbanks, and Candy Petersen

Staff: City Planner, Corrin Wendell and Planning Intern, Katerina Grengs

III. ADOPT AGENDA

The agenda was adopted without objection.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. The April 28, 2016 meeting minutes were adopted by consensus.

V. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

VI. COMMISSION BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS & RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Design Review Update – Franklyn Center – 2497 7th Avenue East

City Planner Wendell introduced item VI.A. Design Review Update. Wendell reviewed the memo presented to the Commission. George Sinn with Weber, Inc from the Franklyn Center has been approved for a demolition permit from the City and has removed façade materials from the building. The entrance areas of the building have been rebuilt based on a Design Review approval from 2011. Sinn is now ready to continue work on the façade of the building and has brought elevations to the Commission outlining his ideas. A variety of materials have been left on the existing façade from the removal of other elements. Commissioner Anderson suggested taking a look at the existing brick remaining and then choosing a material that would look better than the one on the façade currently. Commissioner Blees stated that the representative of the Japanese Nichiha project should be able to assist with design ideas and to come back to the Commission with alternative designs. He also stated that there was not enough remaining brick to complete the façade.

Commissioner Stevens suggests moving forward with the entry areas with the similar Nichiha product that has already been used in the renovation, but then returning to the Commission with design ideas for the 7th Avenue façade. Commissioner Stahlmann would like to see façade materials, percentages of materials for the 7th Avenue façade, colors, and a projected completion date for the project. The Commission agreed that the 7th Avenue façade should be broken up in a vertical design with less horizontal layers.

Motion by Commissioner Stevens with a second by Commissioner Fairbanks to approve the renovation to the entrance areas with the Japanese Nichiha product and then return to the Design Review Commission after analysis and design of the front façade facing 7th Avenue has been completed.

VII. REPORTS OF STAFF

City Planner Wendell spoke about the Downtown Design Manual Open House. She stated that the second open house for the manual would take place that evening from 5:30pm to 6:30pm.

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.