

**HERITAGE COMMISSION  
Meeting Minutes - draft  
April 2, 2015**

The Heritage Commission held its regular monthly meeting in the City Council Chambers, City Hall Annex, 37 Green Street, Concord, New Hampshire, on Thursday, March 5, 2015, at 4:30 p.m.

**1. Call to Order and Seating of Alternates:**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Chair Phil Donovan, and Members Carol Brooks, Marilyn Fraser (for Bryant Tolles), Richard Jaques, Richard Woodfin, Robert Johnson and Fred Richards. City Planner Nancy Larson and Administrative Specialist Patricia Murray were also present.

**2. Approval of Minutes of the February 5, 2015 meeting:**

The Commission considered the minutes of the March 5, 2015 Heritage Commission Meeting.

Ms. Brooks moved to approve the March 5, 2015 minutes as written. Ms. Fraser the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**3. New Business**

**a. Discussion on changes to the Demolition Review Ordinance (Article 26-9)**

Chair Donovan reported he and Ms. Larson met with Craig Walker, Zoning Administrator. He stated the discussion brought nothing new and this item is moving forward incrementally.

**b. Northern Pass - status and statement of Commission's position**

Mr. Johnson was asked about nine months ago to keep track of the Northern Pass progress on behalf of the Heritage Commission. He stated that the Conservation Commission has sent a letter of opposition of the Northern Pass and City Manager Aspell sent a letter requesting more information. He also stated that City Council now has a committee to address the project. Mr. Johnson gave a summary of the Northern Pass project and how it may affect the city. Mr. Johnson would like the Commission to make a formal opposition to the project. Discussion ensued regarding the validity of an opinion from the Heritage Commission without them being a stakeholder. The Commission would like to see maps of the proposed route of the power lines and more information regarding the impact before they commit to a formal stand. Ms. Fraser and Mr. Jaques offered to help Mr. Johnson gather information.

**c. Binnie Media Studios visit report**

Mr. Johnson reported that most of the Commission was able to attend the tour. He said that what Mr. Binnie has done with the building is fantastic; he saved the integrity of the building certainly on the exterior and did the best he could on the interior. Discussion ensued regarding contractors and developers general consensus that the City of Concord is difficult to work with. Chair

Donovan reported that Mr. Binnie was pleased with Heritage Commission process of his application.

**4. Regular business**

**a. Demolition Review – Committee Report**

No update.

**b. Heritage Sign Program**

Ms. Brooks presented a prototype of the sign that will be available through the Heritage Commission Sign Program at the Concord 250 celebration in June. The cost of the sign will be \$55.00 which includes the sign and postage. Ms. Brooks asked if applications could be received in the Planning Division. Ms. Larson agreed.

**c. Update on Demolition Permit funding**

No update.

**d. Report by Mr. Richards in regards to NH Division of Historical Resources study of demolition review**

No update. This item can be removed from future agendas.

**e. Doyen Park Monument**

Ms. Larson reported that she spoke to Carlos Baia and Matt Walsh who have no objection to moving the monument and said that this will have to be coordinated with the owner of the Vegas Block. Discussion ensued regarding the site of the new park and the concern that the monument will not be seen at the new location.

Mr. Woodfin moved to table the Heritage Commission's recommendation to move the Doyen monument from Court Street to Doyen Park. Ms. Brooks seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. Informational Items**

**a. Status of the Gasholder building roof repairs.**

No update.

**6. Any other business to come before the Commission**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Ms. Brooks moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jaques seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Donovan adjourned the meeting at 5:53 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy Larson  
City Planner