



CITY OF ALBANY  
LANDMARKS COMMISSION

**MINUTES**

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Remote Meeting

**Approved: August 5, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

6:03 p.m.

Chair McQuillin called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Kerry McQuillin, Claudia Dean, Bill Ryals, Cathy LeSuer, Keith Kolkow, Chad Robinson, Jolene Thomson

Staff present: Laura LaRoque, planner III; David Martineau, planning manager; Jennifer Sullivan, administrative assistant I

Others present: See sign in sheet

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

6:04 p.m.

- a. Business from the Public  
None

6:05 p.m.

- b. Business from the Commission  
None

6:05 p.m.

- c. Continuation of Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing

6:10 p.m.

- Mark and Tina Siegner; 525 and 533 Fourth Avenue SW; 331 Calapooia Street SW
  - HI-04-20: New Mixed-Use Development in Monteith National Register Historic District

No conflicts, no ex-parte contact.

Public comment was read aloud into the record by staff.

Robinson and LeSuer both said they see value in the project. LeSuer also said the size is too big and detracts from the historic district and provided recommendations to lower the building by one level and to break up the façades of the buildings to not look so similar to each other and to put more focus on the residential side of the project instead of the commercial. Kolkow said he is a big fan of mixed use and infill but he does not feel this fulfills the requirements in Article 7. Thomson said the scope of the Landmarks Commission is not to judge necessity or beauty but to determine if it meets the requirements in the historic district. Thomson said that as presented it does not belong in the historic district. Dean said many of the comments presented were more about zoning and that the duty of the commission is to preserve the historic district but they have to remember it is also a multi-use area. She said a multi-use building will never look like neighboring homes but combining the two is the goal of the Landmarks Commission. Additional discussion ensued including interpretation of code, the Landmarks Commission's duties, size of the building, changing the setback, reducing the height, and how approving with conditions could limit the ability of the applicant to make changes and potentially make it more difficult for the applicant. Robinson also said they are outside their scope for offering suggestions to the applicant. Thomson agreed with McQuillin that the Landmarks Commission should not make suggestions that could make it harder for the applicant to move forward.

Motion by Thomson to deny the application as presented. Seconded by LeSuer. A vote was taken, and the motion passed 4-2 with Robinson and Dean opposed. Findings for denial were that size and scale were not in compliance

with 7.270(2). Thomson said the more restrictive standards should apply when an area is zoned DMU with Historic overlay and that the property did not meet the criteria regarding size and scale and referenced ADC 1.040. Kolkow cited 7.270(1)1a and ADC 1.040 as reasons for denial.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

8:47 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be June 3, 2020, and will be held virtually.

**ADJOURNMENT**

8:48 p.m.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

*Signature on file*

*Signature on file*

Jennifer Sullivan  
Administrative Assistant I

Laura LaRoque  
Planner III