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	Agenda Item No.	44
	Roll Call No.	<u>17-0217</u>
	Communication No.	<u>17-048</u>
	Submitted by:	Phillip Delafield, Community Development Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness for proposed exterior alterations to the American Federal Building a/k/a Catholic Pastoral Center, 601 Grand Avenue.

SYNOPSIS:

- The applicant is proposing to restore an opening on the second floor of the west façade caused by the removal of a skywalk bridge, replace all exterior glass, modify the curtain wall and store front framing, replace a limited number of site pavers, install landscape material, and install a sculpture to the east of the building.
- On December 20, 2016, the Landmark Review Board voted 10-0 to recommend approval of the certificate of appropriateness subject to conditions.
- Staff recommends approval of the certificate of appropriateness per the Landmark Review Board’s (LRB) recommendation.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The subject property is located at the northwest corner of the Grand Avenue and 6th Avenue intersection in the downtown core. The site contains the 3-story American Federal Building (aka Catholic Pastoral Center). The building and site were designed by architect Ludwig Mies Van der Rohe and constructed in 1963.
- The subject property was designated as a Local Landmark by the City Council on April 6, 1992, by Roll Call Number 92-1197.
- The LRB is charged with reviewing proposed alterations to the exterior of locally designated landmarks and making a recommendation to the City Council. All Certificates of Appropriateness for local landmarks that are not located within a local historic district are issued by the City Council.
- On December 20, 2016 the LRB voted 10-0 to forward a recommendation of approval subject to the applicant working with staff to explore the possibility of using larger caliper trees, replacing the non-original front entrance doors with historically appropriate doors, utilizing signage that closer relates to the era and style of the building, and consulting with the State Historic Preservation Office of Iowa on the proposed sculpture.
- A copy of the LRB meeting summary, staff report, pictures and drawings are included in the Council packet.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: January 23, 2017

Roll Call Number: [17-0106](#)

Action: [On](#) the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness for proposed exterior alterations to the American Federal Building a/k/a Catholic Pastoral Center, 601 Grand Avenue, (2-6-17). Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Landmark Review Board

Date: December 20, 2016

Resolution Number: 20-2017-4.01

Action: Recommend approval subject to the applicant working with staff to explore the possibility of using larger caliper trees, replacing the non-original front entrance doors with historically appropriate doors, utilizing signage that closer relates to the era and style of the building, and consulting with the State Historic Preservation Office of Iowa on the proposed sculpture, by a consensus vote of 10-0-0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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