



Roll Call Number

17-0217

Agenda Item Number

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Date February 6, 2017

**RESOLUTION CLOSING HEARING AND GRANTING AN APPLICATION FOR
CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR PROPOSED EXTERIOR
ALTERATIONS TO THE AMERICAN FEDERAL BUILDING A/K/A CATHOLIC
PASTORAL CENTER LOCATED AT 601 GRAND AVENUE.**

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines has received an application from the Diocese of Des Moines, represented by Jason Kurth, Co-Chancellor, for a Certificate of Appropriateness for renovation of the American Federal Building (a/k/a Catholic Pastoral Center) at 601 Grand Avenue, including restoration of the opening on the second floor of the west façade caused by the removal of a skywalk bridge, replacement of all exterior glass and modification of existing curtain wall and store front framing, replacement of a limited number of site pavers and installation of landscape material, and installation of a sculpture to the east of the building; and,

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2016, after notice, the Landmark Review Board convened to consider the application but a quorum of members were not present; and

WHEREAS, after a public hearing, it was a consensus of the members of the Landmark Review Board, by a vote of 10-0-0 to recommend approval of the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness on the conditions that the applicant explore with staff 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 consult with the State Historic Preservation Office of Iowa on the proposed sculpture.

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2017, by Roll Call No. 17-0106, it was duly resolved by the City Council that the application be set down for hearing on February 6, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers; and

WHEREAS, due notice of the hearing was published in the Des Moines Register on January 26, 2017; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the notice, those interested in the issuance of the Certificate of Appropriateness, both for and against, have been given an opportunity to be heard with respect thereto and have presented their views to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 58-62(f) of the Des Moines Municipal Code provide that the Council may approve, approve with modification or deny the application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, as follows:

1. The public hearing on the appeal is hereby closed.



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2. The City Council accepts the recommendation of the Landmark Review Board and grants the application of the Diocese of Des Moines.

3. The Department of Community Development is directed to issue and monitor compliance with a Certificate of Appropriateness for 601 Grand Avenue, subject to exploring with staff 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.

Moved by Hensley to grant the application for the Certificate of Appropriateness for 601 Grand Avenue subject to conditions and direct the Department of Community Development to issue the Certificate.

(Council Communication No. 17- 048)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Thomas G. Fisher Jr. Assistant City Attorney

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CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

Mayor signature

Diane Rauh City Clerk signature