



HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

DATE: March 16, 2015, Historical Preservation Commission Meeting

To: Historical Preservation Chairman and Commission

From: Red's Trading Post, Ryan Horsley, 203 5th Avenue South

Request

To consider appropriateness for restoring the brick wall, window and adding a classic sign on the west side of the building located at 203 5th Avenue South in the Twin Falls Historic Warehouse District.

Background:

It is unknown who constructed this building. The building was constructed in 1919. It is mentioned as housing the M. & R. Pink firm in a local business publication, but by 1928 they were using warehouse space at 240 4th Ave S. During the 1930's the Ford Transfer & Storage Company rented the building. The building located at 203 5th Avenue South is listed on the Historical Registry as a contributing property.

On April 19, 2010 the Historical Preservation Commission approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of a metal roof covering on the awning in front of Red's Trading Post at 203 5th Avenue South.

On April 15, 2013 the applicant requested a Certificate of Appropriateness for adding a restored historic Coke Sign to the southwest side of the building by the front door. The Commission approved this request.

On June 17, 2013 the Historic Preservation Commission approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction of a loading dock and stairway on the north side of the building.

On August 11, 2014 the Historic Preservation Commission approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for a metal sign.

Analysis:

The building is currently functioning as a retail store, Red's Trading Post, located in the Old Town zoning district with a Warehouse Historic overlay and a P-3 Parking overlay. No exterior portion of any building or other structure (including walls, fences, light fixtures, steps and pavement, or other appurtenant features) nor aboveground utility structures nor any type of outdoor advertising sign shall be erected, altered, restored, moved or demolished within this district until after an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness as to exterior features has been submitted to and approved by the Historical Preservation Commission.

Ryan Horsley, Red's Trading Post, is requesting approval to restore the brick wall and window on the west side of the building. Mr. Horsley would also like to add a classic sign because they can't match the brick.

Regulatory Impact:

Approval of this request will allow the applicants to proceed with applying for a building permit to remove the staircase and door and replace with window and sign permit sign to cover new brick on the building located at 203 5th Avenue South.

A Certificate of Appropriateness permit is for Historical Preservation Commission purposes only. Other permits such as sign, building, electrical, mechanical or plumbing permits, etc. may be required. All facilities must comply with all Building and Fire Code regulations.

Conclusion:

Should the Commission grant this request, as presented, staff recommends approval be subject to the following conditions:

1. Subject to the applicant obtaining the necessary building permits if appropriate.
2. Subject to the applicant obtaining the necessary sign permits if appropriate.

Attachments:

1. Certificate of Appropriateness Application
2. Narrative
3. Zoning-Vicinity Site Map
4. Aerial Site Map
5. Sign Elevation
6. National Historic Registry information



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CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATION

Date of the Application: 2/26/2015

Application No.: _____

Fee: NONE

A. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

- 1. Name of applicant: Red's Trading Post
- Mailing Address: 203 5th Avenue South
- City: Twin Falls State: Idaho Zip: 83301
- Phone: (208) 733-3546 Cell Phone: (208) 539-3546 E-mail: rhorsley@redstradingpost.com
- Applicant Signature: Ryan Horsley

B. REQUEST INFORMATION:

- 1. The following is a request that a CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS be granted for the Real Property Located at (street address):
203 5th Avenue South Twin Falls, ID 83301
- 2. Existing Zoning District: W.H.O. (Warehouse Historic Overlay)
- 3. Project Land Area Size: 5,000 Square Feet
- 4. Existing Building Size: 10,000 Square Feet
- 5. Proposed Building Alteration: Restoring the brick wall, window and adding a classic sign
- 6. A site plan to **SCALE** on an **8 1/2" x 11" paper**, of the subject property showing the following:
 - a. Lot dimensions
 - b. Location of all existing buildings; including setbacks and fencing
 - c. Before and after building elevations are required
- 7. Provide a Detailed Written Statement On A Separate Sheet Of Paper Containing:
 - a. The reason for the request
 - b. An evaluation of the effects on adjoining property

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HEARING DATE: _____

Thursday, February 26, 2015

Members of the Historic Preservation Commission:

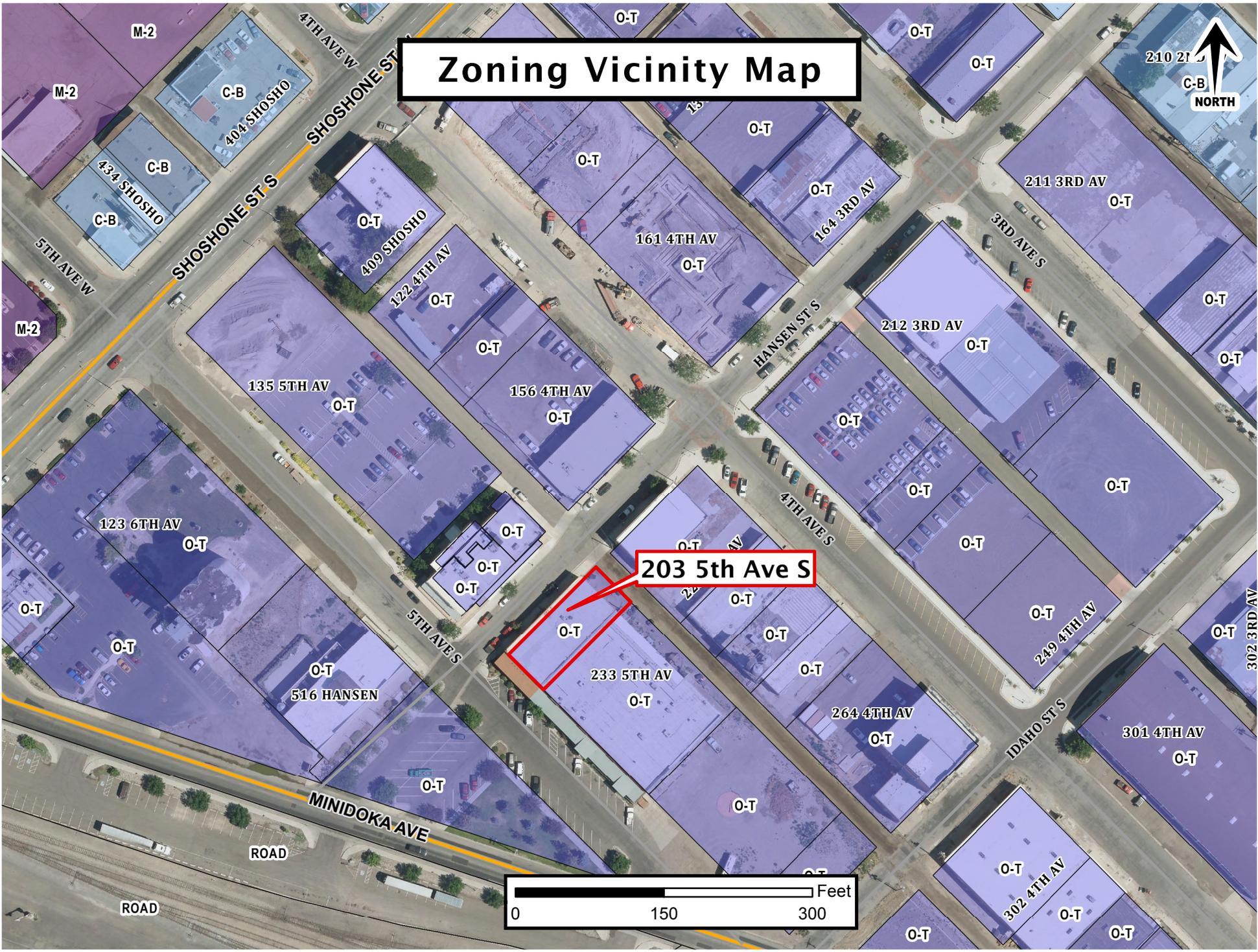
We are wishing to restore part of our building, the previous tenants had cut out a door in the brick wall below an existing window and added steps. When we purchased the building, we were no longer in need of this door and frankly it was a security concern, so we had a wall constructed behind the door. Now the stairs are falling apart and we do not want to continue to fix stairs that have no purpose. We have wanted to restore the window to the original size and have masonry work done to restore the wall, then the stair would be removed. The dilemma that we have been in is that it is nearly impossible to match the new brick to the existing brick and that would look poorly on the building. So we decided that we would have a sign painted on the building in the new brick area and have it distressed to make it look like it had been there a considerable amount of time. Then came our next dilemma, what do we have painted and who paints signs on buildings anymore? After much thought and deliberation, we would like the attached sign painted on our building.

Thomas Horsley began his business circa 1830 in his hometown of Doncaster, but returned to York circa 1834. York had a large army base, which offered great commercial opportunity for the company. By the 1860s, Horsley was making best long guns with distinctive patented features. By the 1880s, due to the advent of the hammerless gun and social changes, the guns became less distinctive, but there was production of an unusual hammerless gun. Thomas, who died in 1882, handed the business off to his son, also named Thomas, who ran the business until his death in 1915. Continuing economic pressures have the firm retailing bicycles in the 1890s, and at the turn-of-the-century, a brief flirtation with a motor car of their own design. After WWI, fewer guns were sold, and the ones that were made were no longer custom best guns. The company moved again before World War II, and moved to another location in York in 1933. Thomas Jr., who continued running the business almost until his death, also had a son named Thomas. Thomas III and three of his four brothers continued running the business between them until Thomas III's death in 1954. Tony Horsley briefly ran the business until it finally closed down in 1959. Information appears courtesy of David J. Baker, author of Thomas Horsley - Gunmaker of York.

This would be consistent with our business, also fits the time frame that our building, which was built in 1912, would have ran parallel with their business. On top of that but would be a nod to my family's namesake. While my mothers grandfather Lowell "Red" Kinney established Red's Trading Post in its former location. My fathers ancestors trace back to England under the Horsley name which is a more common name.

- Nu-Vu Glass, who put in the other windows back in 2008 will install the window
- Wilcox Custom Masonry, will do the masonry work on the outside as well as the inside
- DeAnna Nadene Cummings with The Rustic Brush, who specializes in Vintage Signs and wall murals will paint the sign.
- Petruzzelli Electric will handle the removal of the lights and electrical outlets

Zoning Vicinity Map

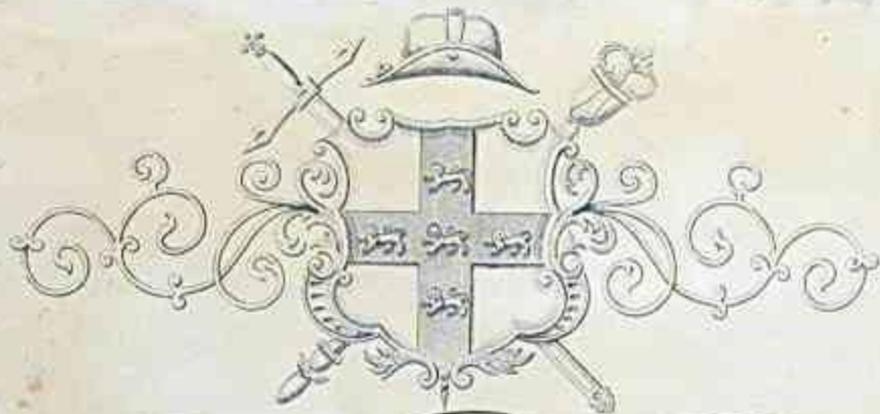


Site Map



203 5th Ave S





THOMAS HORSLEY,

Gun Maker,

Coney Street,

YORK.

INVENTOR & PATENTEE OF BREECH-LOADER N^o 374, 2410 & 1138.

23. Warehouse

83-17935

203 Fifth Avenue South

contributing

c. 1919

This one-story building is brick with a cornice consisting of a row of soldier bricks. On the north and west walls are several metal sash, multi-paned windows. The structure shares a concrete loading dock with the building next door (215-227), as well as a wooden railing and a canopy that were constructed within the past two years.

It is uncertain what business or person constructed this building; it is mentioned as housing the M. and R. Pink firm in 1919 in a local business publication, but by 1928 they were using warehouse space at 240 Fourth Avenue South. During the late 1930s the Ford Transfer and Storage Company rented the building; about this time it was also used to store onions.²⁶