

Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

Community Development Office
200 N. Alston St.
Foley, Alabama

November 8, 2016

1:00 p.m.

I. Call to order

Chairman Dawson called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

II. Roll call

Members present were: Justin Shanks, JaNay Dawson, Kathie LeDrew, Pat Davis, Perry Wilbourne and Randy Arp. Absent member was Jack Purser. Staff present were: Chuck Lay, Chief Building Inspector and Melissa Ringler, Recording Secretary.

III. Approval of Minutes

- Approve October 11, 2016 minutes as published

Commissioner Wilbourne made a motion to approve the October 11, 2016 meeting minutes as published. Commissioner LeDrew seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to approve the October 11, 2016 meeting minutes as published passes.

IV. Staff Approvals:

- John Foley
7 Broad Street, LLC.
218 S. McKenzie St.
Local District - Non-Contributing
 - a. Request to replace and repaint fascia and soffits on building with the same type materials.

Mr. Chuck Lay explained a staff approval was done due to the materials being replaced with like materials. He asked Mr. John Foley to clarify the paint color he would be using for the fascia and soffits.

Mr. John Foley explained the existing fascia and soffits are black and they will be repainting them black.

Chairman Dawson asked Mr. Foley if there has been any consideration of restoring the building to look like the old gas station it once was.

Mr. Foley explained he plans on cleaning the building up and would love to have any old photos of the building that anyone may have.

Chairman Dawson stated the building was a gas station at one time and they were typically painted white and royal blue.

Mr. Foley stated he would paint the fascia and soffits blue if that was the original color and if the Commission agrees.

Commissioner Davis asked if there were still gas tanks on the property.

Mr. Foley explained the gas tanks were removed sometime in the 1990's.

V. Consideration of Grant Recommendation

- John Foley
7 Broad Street, LLC.
218 S. McKenzie St.
Local District– Non-Contributing

Chairman Dawson asked the age of the building.

Commissioner LeDrew stated the inventory survey shows a circa date of 1952.

Chairman Dawson explained the Commission hopes in the next year or so to have a consultant perform a new inventory survey of the historical buildings. She stated by the time of the survey some of the buildings may have reached the age to be eligible to be declared historical buildings.

Mr. Foley stated if he can locate historical photos of the building showing there was no canopy he may come back at a later date to request the removal of the canopy.

Chairman Dawson explained she does not remember a canopy originally being on the building in the 1950's or 1960's. She stated Ms. Marjorie Snook may have some historical photos and Mr. Foley may want to reach out to her.

Commissioner Wilbourne made a motion to recommend the requested grant request to Mayor and Council. Commissioner Shanks seconded the motion. Vice-Chairman Arp abstained, all other Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to recommend the requested consideration of grant request to Mayor and Council passes.

VI. New Business

- Brenda Schmucker
Mamma Mia! Pizzeria
246 W. Laurel Ave.
Local District-Non-Contributing
 - a. Request to install two cabinet internal wall signs 2'x3' on the west side of building and a 5'x4' on the south side of the building.
 - b. Request to install a green L.E.D. lighted strip along the building fascia.
 - c. Request to install architectural lettering on the upper south side of the building.

Mr. Lay stated the logo on the signage does not meet the allowable percentage, the colors of the signage were not referenced to the historical color palette and the requested lighting was not something he could approve.

Commissioner Wilbourne asked if the green lighting would be placed around the signage.

Mr. Aaron O'Brien stated the signs would be lit internally with led lighting. He explained the 12 volt green led tube lighting would be placed around the top of the building uniformly and continuously.

Chairman Dawson asked if the lighting would flash or blink.

Mr. O'Brien answered no; the lights would stay solid with no flashing or changing of colors. He explained the lighting would be on a timer and stay on until midnight. He showed the Commissioners an example of the lighting which he explained would be a very low glow light.

Ms. Brenda Schumaker stated they are planning on being open on Fridays until 10:00 p.m. and until 9:00 p.m. the rest of the week.

Commissioner Wilbourne asked if there are any similar types of lighting currently on any buildings in the historical district.

Chairman Dawson stated the only place currently that has anything similar is the restaurant next to Magnolia Hotel which has a lit open sign in the window.

Vice-Chairman Arp stated the requested lighting is not a part of the signage.

Mr. O'Brien stated the 4' x 5' sign will be located on the front of the building and the 2' x 3' sign will be located on the side of the building.

Staff advised the applicant if the signage would be located above the roofline they would need to apply to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals for a variance.

Chairman Dawson stated per section Q item 16 in the design guidelines the lights cannot be chasing or flashing. She explained the reds in the signage are similar in color to reds in the historical palette.

Commissioner Davis asked if approving the request would set precedence for others.

Commissioner LeDrew stated if the request fits within the age of the building it needs to be taken into consideration

Vice-Chairman Arp made a motion to approve the requested COA. Commissioner LeDrew seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to approve the requested COA passes.

- Select a Nominating Committee for 2017 Officers

Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Shanks volunteered to be on the nominating committee.

Vice-Chairman Arp stated he may be moving to Magnolia Springs in January and would possibly not be eligible to serve on the Commission.

- Adoption of Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2017

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the adoption of the proposed meeting schedule for 2017. Vice Chairman Arp seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to approve the adoption of the proposed meeting schedule for 2017 passes.

VII. Adjournment

Commissioner LeDrew made a motion to adjourn at 1:58 p.m. Commissioner Shanks seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.