

Historical Commission Minutes

City of Foley Council Chambers

407 E. Laurel Ave.

Foley, Alabama

June 11, 2019

1:00 p.m.

I. Call to order

Chairman Justin Shanks called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

II. Roll call

Members present were: Jack Purser, Randy Arp, Justin Shanks, Kathie LeDrew, JaNay Dawson and Kerry Slota. Absent members were: Donna Turbyfill. Staff present were: Chuck Lay, Chief Building Inspector; Amanda Cole, Planning and Zoning Assistant; and Melissa Ringler, Recording Secretary.

III. Approval of Minutes

- Approve April 9, 2019 minutes as published

Commissioner Arp made a motion to approve the April 9, 2019 meeting minutes. Commissioner Purser seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to approve the April 9, 2019 meeting minutes passes.

IV. New Business

- Brandy Helton
Uptown Beauty Bar
106 E. Laurel Ave.
National District-Contributing
 - a. Request to replace awning
 - b. Repaint the painted front brick wall
 - c. Repaint the front door
 - d. Install wall signage

Mr. Chuck Lay explained the applicant would like to replace the existing vinyl awning with a black corrugated metal awning, repaint the brick a cream color, repaint the front door black and install wall signage which will consist of a black background and white letters to be installed above the awning.

Commissioner Arp asked if the lower brick would be the only portion painted.

Ms. Helton stated they will only be painting the lower portion of the building which has already been previously painted.

Commissioner Purser asked how long the existing awning had been located on the building.

Mr. Lay stated he was on sure of when it was installed. He explained the existing awning was approved by the Commission. He stated they will be using the existing metal awning frame.

Commissioner Purser made a motion to approve the requested certificate of appropriateness.

Mr. Charlie Ebert asked if the new awning will be meeting current wind load requirements.

Mr. Lay explained since the frame is not being replaced they will not have to provide wind load information.

Commissioner Arp seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to approve the requested certificate of appropriateness passes.

- City of Foley
 - Art Center
 - 203 N. McKenzie St.
 - Local District- Non-Contributing
 - a. Request to install skirting on the building

Mr. Randy Kurtts explained there are ongoing issues with water accumulating under the building. He stated they have added a dehumidifier in the building which has helped with some of the issues. He is proposing to install a hardie board attached to a frame which will be located in between the bricks to create a skirting around the bottom portion of the building. He explained the skirting will be painted hunter green. The skirting will not touch the ground and sand will be added in between the skirting and ground.

Commissioner Arp asked if there would be any ventilation added.

Mr. Kurtts explained the areas around the porches and ramp will remain open and allow ventilation. He stated he will be doing some grading and french drains to help divert the water.

Mr. Ebert asked if the repair items would be brought before Council for approval.

Mr. Kurtts stated the money is in the budget under building maintenance and he is working with Pam on prices.

Mr. Ebert stated the city may want to consult with a foundation specialist at some point.

Mr. Kurtts explained he will be placing the air conditioning unit onto bricks to prevent further mold and moisture damage to the unit. He stated at some point the duct under the building which are on the ground and causing moisture issues will need to be addressed.

Mr. Lay stated an option maybe to add another mini split in the building and do away with ducts.

Commissioner Arp made a motion to approve the requested certificate of appropriateness. Commissioner Dawson seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to approve the requested certificate of appropriateness passes.

- Non-Profit Board- Discussion on Tabled Item

Commissioner Dawson stated the item has come up regarding a nonprofit board due to funds being raised by the school and needing some where to put the funds. She stated the issue needs to be resolved before school starts back.

Staff stated they would get with Ms. LaDonna Hinesley regarding the non-profit board.

- Monthly Open- Discussion

Mr. Kurtts stated Phase 1 of the preservation of the Hamburg building has been completed. He stated there are still some items that could be done in a Phase 2 for the preservation of the building at a low cost.

Commissioner Dawson stated she was unable to attend the meetings with Design Alabama. She explained Ms. Stanford attended the meetings and there was discussion about the possible uses for the building which would not work with the overall of what she was planning. She asked if the state has any money available for funding and if so what it could be used for. She explained she feels the next step would be to preserve and protect the building to prevent further damage.

Commissioner Purser asked to what extent of funds the city has for the preservation and restoration of the building.

Mr. Ebert stated preservation is much more doable at this point.

Commissioner Purser stated there needs to be an account should be setup so money can be collected and donated.

Mr. Ebert stated he felt Sue Steigerwald could handle the funds that are collected for the Hamburg building.

Commissioner Dawson stated there has been talk by the school board about possibly donating a historical school building to the city.

Mr. Kurtts stated the topic has come up before and he will find the information regarding the past discussions.

Mr. Lay stated there is an existing slab located near the Symbol building that may work as a possible location. He explained the bricks from the Methodist church demo which are currently being stored at the Community Development building will need to be moved due to the Community Development Department being relocated to a new building.

V. Adjournment

Commissioner LeDrew made a motion to adjourn at 1:56 p.m. Commissioner Arp seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to adjourn at 1:56 p.m. passes.