

Historical Commission Minutes

City of Foley Council Chambers

407 E. Laurel Ave.

Foley, Alabama

March 9, 2021

1:00 p.m.

I. Call to order

Chairman Justin Shanks called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

II. Roll call

Members present were: Randy Arp, Justin Shanks and Donna Turbyfill. Members present via teleconference were: JaNay Dawson, Kathie LeDrew and Kerry Slota. Absent member was Jack Purser. Staff present were: Chuck Lay, Chief Building Inspector; Nathan Smith, Building Inspector and Amanda Cole, Recording Secretary.

III. Approval of Minutes

- Approve February 9, 2021 minutes as published

Commissioner Arp made a motion to approve the February 9, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Turbyfill seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to approve the February 9, 2021 meeting minutes passes.

IV. Staff Approval

- City of Foley-Beautification Board
203/211 N. McKenzie St.
National District- Contributing
 - a. Request to paint a mural on the south side of the rear privacy fence

Mr. Chuck Lay explained a staff approval was done to allow the Beautification Board to paint a mural on the south side of the rear fence. Mr. Lay stated the proposed mural received positive feedback from the Commissioners.

- Soul Bowlz
Johnny McElroy
119 S. McKenzie St.
National District-Contributing
 - a. Request to repaint the front and rear doors

Mr. Lay explained a staff approval was done to paint the front and rear doors of the business. He stated the color matches the approved historical color pallet.

- L.A. Computers
Marsha Kaiser
114 S. McKenzie St.
National District-Contributing
 - a. Request to replace awning on front of building

Mr. Lay explained a staff approval was done to replace an awning that was damaged during Hurricane Sally. He stated the new awning will be the same as the one that was damaged.

- Katy's Catering
Kathleen Baskin Dunaway
515 N. McKenzie St.
National District-Contributing
 - a. Request to repaint exterior of building, arbor and fence

Mr. Lay explained a staff approval was issued to repaint the exterior of the building, the fence and an arbor. He stated the colors were previously approved.

V. Grant Recommendation

- L.A. Computers
Marsha Kaiser
114 S. McKenzie St.
National District-Contributing

Vice-Chairman Turbyfill made a motion to approve recommending the grant to Mayor and Council. Commissioner Arp seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to approve recommending the grant to Mayor and Council passes.

- Katy's Catering
Kathleen Baskin Dunaway
515 N. McKenzie St.
National District-Contributing

Ms. Kathleen Dunaway stated she is requesting the grant for improvements. She explained her sign was destroyed by Hurricane Sally however she was unable to provide bids for the sign because everyone is so busy. Ms. Dunaway stated she will get the necessary items needed for the application.

Mr. Lay explained the sign was not added to the application.

The Commission discussed the possibility of carrying over the grant request.

Ms. Dunaway explained she didn't want to delay the work being done as she already has people waiting to start the project. She asked if the sign could be added to the application.

Commissioner Arp made a motion to approve recommending the grant to Mayor and Council with the addition of adding the sign to the grant application. Commissioner Turbyfill seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to approve recommending the grant to Mayor and Council with the addition of adding the sign to the grant application passes.

VI. New Business

- Dr. Lisa Miller
301 W. Laurel Ave.
Local District- Non-Contributing
 - a. Request to paint exterior of building, add awnings, wheel chair ramp, ADA railings, landscaping and signage

Mr. Sted McCollough explained the building was built around 1947. He stated the building was originally in the Local Historical district then taken out when a new roof was added. He explained it is now back in the Local Historical district. He stated his client was interested in painting the building, adding awnings and adding a covered walkway area, signage and handrails. He explained many changes have already previously been made to the building which include a new roof, vinyl windows, acrylic tiles on the front entry doors, glass tiles around the doorway and contemporary lighting in the front entry way. The brick has also already been painted around the headers and the sills of the brick.

Commissioner Arp asked why the brick needed to be painted.

Mr. McCollough stated his client wanted to paint the building to clean up the building visually.

Ms. Jackie Strickland stated the owner would like the building to look more historical. She explained they are wanting to paint the building white and have black accents.

Chairman Shanks stated his concern with painting the existing brick is once it is painted it can't be undone. He asked if there has been any discussion regarding removing the existing paint.

Mr. McCollough stated there has been no discussion regarding removing the existing paint.

Commissioner Dawson stated in the past when requests for painting brick has been approved it didn't make a difference on what could be done with the building. She explained the Commission is in charge of not allowing brick to be painted unless it has already been painted.

Commissioner LeDrew stated she agrees with repainting everything that has already been painted. She explained she likes the other improvements proposed however she is not in favor of painting the brick.

Commissioner Arp stated our guidelines do state we are not supposed to allow painting brick.

Mr. Lay asked about possibly doing a removable covering.

Chairman Shanks stated there were no guidelines prohibiting covers that aren't permanent.

Mr. Lay asked what the Commissioners thought about putting strips in the mortar joints for the covering. He explained the bricks would not be hurt during the process.

Commissioner Arp agreed adding a removable covering would have minimum impact on the brick.

Mr. McCollough stated he would like to amend the application to request to put hardie siding or board and batten over the brick and everything else requested would remain the same.

Commissioner Dawson asked if the covering would destroy the brick.

Chairman Shanks explained the mortar in between the bricks will need repairing over time. He stated attaching a façade in the mortar will have very minimal impact.

Mr. Lay explained this was a common technique.

Chairman Shanks stated the covering will be able to be removed if needed.

Commissioner Dawson asked about changing the front entry way.

Chairman Shanks stated they are building a stand-alone addition for the entry.

Chairman Arp asked if the entry is going to be a free standing structure.

Mr. McCollough stated it is going to be a covering for the entry.

Chairman Shanks stated they are not asking to modify the existing structure they are wanting to build a covered entry point for clients to enter and exit through.

Commissioner Arp made a motion to approve the requested COA with an amendment to eliminate the painting of the brick and to allow a façade, which will be white in color.

Commissioner Turbyfill seconded the motion. Commissioners Dawson and LeDrew voted nay. All other Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to approve the requested COA with an amendment to eliminate the painting of the brick and to allow a façade which will be white in color passes.

- Approval of the revised 2021 meeting and deadline calendar

Commissioner Arp made a motion to approve the revised 2021 meeting and deadline calendar. Commissioner Turbyfill seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to approve the revised 2021 meeting and deadline calendar passes.

VII. Monthly Open Discussion

Discussion of the upcoming training sessions that was including in the packet.

Commissioner Arp mentioned the new windows that were previously approved in the Saunders Building will be a little smaller than the ones now. The headers that are there now are only 2 inches on the first floor. The second floor ones are the correct height. Commissioner Arp asked them to replace the windows with a smaller window and to put the correct headers in.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.