

Historical Commission Minutes

City of Foley Council Chambers

407 E. Laurel Ave.

Foley, Alabama

May 4, 2021

1:00 p.m.

I. Call to order

Chairman Justin Shanks called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

II. Roll call

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

III. Approval of Minutes

- Approve March 9, 2021 minutes as published

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

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

IV. Staff Approval

- Mama Bear's Bakery
Tabitha Pedalino
116 W. Laurel Ave.
National District- Contributing
 - a. Request to replace awning

Mr. Chuck Lay explained the applicant will be installing a new awning on the existing awning frame. He stated she may come back at a later date to apply for a facade grant.

- Le Marche'
Vivian Knisley
108 E. Laurel Ave.
National District-Contributing
 - a. Request to repaint exterior brick
 - b. Uncover transom windows
 - c. Move & paint address numbers
 - d. Paint store name above door

Mr. Lay stated the applicant is redoing the color scheme on the exterior of the building.

He explained they will be uncovering the transom windows and bringing them back to the original historical look.

V. New Business

- City of Foley Beautification Board
Parking lot between 203 S. McKenzie St. & 219 S. McKenzie St.
National District-Contributing
 - a. Install a new 100' flagpole

Commissioner Arp asked if any lighting would be installed.

Mrs. Brenda Shambo stated there will be a light installed in an upward direction to shine onto the flag.

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

Motion to approve the requested certificate of appropriateness passes.

Mrs. Shambo explained the flag pole being removed from the parking lot near the Hwy. 98 and Hwy. 59 intersection will be relocated to Riviera Utilities. The existing flag pole located at Riviera Utilities will be relocated to the veteran's memorial park across from the Fire Station.

- Dirk Dixon
209 S. Alston St.
National District-Contributing
 - a. Request to add an addition onto the building

Chairman Shanks asked if the structure would be attached to the building or freestanding.

Mr. Dirk Dixon explained the structure will be on a slab and connected to the existing building for an outdoor seating area. He stated there will be an opening cut into the existing building for a new door. He explained a cinder block addition will be added onto the side of the building for restrooms.

Commissioner Turbyfill stated the door and addition for the restrooms will be on the side of the building which is not a street side. She questioned if the Commission's primary concern would be how the building looks from the street.

Commissioner Arp stated his personal opinion is the metal addition for the seating area is not appropriate and does not look good.

Mr. Dixon stated he is open to suggestions. He asked about possibly wrapping the columns with red brick to match the front of the building. He stated he could also add a brick half wall to dress things up.

Commissioner Purser stated the addition for the outdoor seating is connecting to a contributing

building and doesn't look anything like the existing building. He explained the addition of the restrooms will be constructed of cinder block and difficult to see from the road.

Commissioner Arp suggested following the same roof and pattern as the wall with a different parapet to match the same roof pitch. He stated the pitch could be higher but it would match the architecture.

Mr. Dixon asked about installing the awning in a different direction.

Mr. Arp stated the problem is the metal addition will still look too modern for a 1945 building.

Commissioner Purser asked about cutting the opening into the building for the new door.

Commissioner Turbyfill stated the door will not be seen from the street view.

Commissioner Arp stated the door will probably need to be wood to match the time period of the building.

Mr. Dixon stated he could build the half wall and wrap the columns in brick and attach some bronze lanterns. He stated the red brick would be seen from the road.

Mr. Arp stated yes the brick would soften it up. He stated he likes the project just not the looks of something that would be placed on a car lot.

Commissioner Turbyfill made a motion to approve the requested certificate of appropriateness with the changes that the columns will be wrapped in brick and a brick half wall will be added and other design features to make it fit more into the time period of the building.

Commissioner Arp stated he would like to see the concept before approving the certificate of appropriateness.

Commissioners stated the applicant could start on the addition for the restrooms and come back with a concept for the addition for the outdoor seating area and grant. They explained the grant amount would cover the addition for the seating area and they can relook at the grant request when the conceptual plan is presented.

Commissioner Turbyfill amended the motion to approve the requested certificate of appropriateness for the addition of the restrooms and to come back with more details for the addition of the seating area. Commissioner Purser seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to approve the requested certificate of appropriateness for the addition of the restrooms and to come back with more details for the addition of the seating area passes.

- By-Law Amendments

Commissioner Arp made a motion to amend the by-laws. Commissioner Turbyfill seconded the motion.

Staff explained the changes were to modify the verbiage in the by-laws regarding meeting dates due to a recent change to the monthly meeting schedule.

All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to amend the by-laws passes.

VI. Grant Recommendation

- Dirk Dixon
209 S. Alston St.
National District-Contributing

Commissioner Turbyfill made a motion to table the item due to needing more detailed drawings and information. Commissioner Shanks seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to table the item due to needing more detailed drawings and information passes.

VII. Monthly Open Discussion

There were no items to discuss.

VIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Purser made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:36 p.m. Commissioner Arp seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:36 p.m. passes.