

Historical Commission Minutes

City of Foley Council Chambers

407 E. Laurel Ave.

Foley, Alabama

April 5, 2022

1:00 p.m.

I. Call to order

Chairman Donna Turbyfill called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. Roll call

Members present were: Jack Purser, Kathie LeDrew, JaNay Dawson, Donna Turbyfill and Kim Ward. Absent members were: Justin Shanks and John Koniar. Staff present were: Chuck Lay, Chief Building Inspector; Nathan Smith, Building Inspector; Eden Lapham, Planner 1; Amanda Cole, Planning and Zoning Assistant and Melissa Ringler, Recording Secretary.

III. Approval of Minutes

- Approve March 1, 2022 minutes as published

Commissioner Purser made a motion to approve the March 1, 2022 meeting minutes. Commissioner LeDrew seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to approve the March 1, 2022 meeting minutes passes.

IV. Staff Approval

- Southeast Blinds & Shutters
Erich Lindsey
111 S. McKenzie St.
National District- Contributing
 - a. Request to re-paint exterior of building

Mr. Chuck Lay stated the applicant has requested to repaint the building. He explained a staff approval was done since the building was previously painted.

V. New Business

- Hollis Interiors
Wayne Hollis
200, 204, 208, 210, 212, 214 S. McKenzie St
National & Local District- Contributing & Non-Contributing
 - a. Request for exterior improvements

Mr. Chuck Lay stated he was contacted in December by a city leader regarding the bricks being painted on the Hollis Interiors building. He explained he met with the owner and had

them stop the painting. He stated the stucco building and a portion of the upper corner of the two story brick building were painted white before the owners were contacted. He explained the two story building was originally painted a teal green and sand blasted in the 1970's which rounded off the bricks and damaged the glazing and mortar. He stated the applicant is asking to remodel the exterior of the building to include painting the exterior, window repairs, new doors, and lighting. He explained the applicant is applying for a façade grant. He stated a letter has been provided from a local brick mason David Wilson explaining the current condition of the bricks.

Mrs. Tootsie Allen explained David Wilson, a local brick mason inspected the bricks on the north two story building. She stated Mr. Wilson's inspection revealed when the sandblasting was done on the building to remove teal paint it removed the glazing from the bricks and damaged the mortar. She explained Mr. Wilson's suggestion is the only way to save the brick is for it to be repointed by hand and sealed. She stated there is currently a large sign on the building covering original windows and they would like to remove the sign to expose the windows. She explained under the signage there is an area of approximately 240' of teal paint. She stated they want to expose the windows but are not able to sandblast the teal paint off of the brick due to the condition of the brick. She explained she would prefer not to repaint over the teal paint and have a painted band around the top of the building. She stated they would also like to install doors where the original doors were located facing Orange Ave.

Commissioner Dawson asked if the building would be repointed even if it is painted.

Mrs. Allen answered yes Mr. Wilson is going to work with them on repointing and sealing the bricks.

Commissioner Dawson stated she would like to get an opinion from Mr. Stephen McNair regarding painting the brick. She explained the design guidelines state the City of Foley through local and state enabling legislation and ordinances and design guidelines seeks to protect its unique and valuable historic resources. She stated they need to take into consideration other investors are looking at properties within the district and what impact this decision may have on any other investors coming into the city.

Commissioner Purser stated he would like confirmation that the building/brick is deteriorating and to get an expert to give them guidance as to if there are any repairs that could be done to save the bricks and keep the building on the national registry.

Mrs. Allen stated she did not realize the condition of the bricks until Mr. Wilson educated her and pointed out the problems.

Mrs. Carolyn Hollis stated the current building is not original. She explained the original door was facing Orange Ave. and the windows are currently covered. She explained when the sign covering the windows is removed and the door is restored to its original location the building will be more traditional and historical.

Commissioner Purser stated he thinks the Commission should proceed with a motion on all items other than the painting of the brick until Mr. McNair has time to evaluate the building. He stated

the applicant need to request to withdraw the request to paint the bricks on 200-206 S. McKenzie St. until the building is evaluated.

Mrs. Allen stated she will withdraw the request to paint the brick on 200-206 S. McKenzie until Mr. McNair evaluates the bricks and reports back to the Commission.

Commissioner Ward made a motion to approve the requested COA with the exception of painting the bricks on buildings 200-206 S. McKenzie St. Commissioner Purser seconded the motion.

All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to approve the requested COA with the exception of painting the bricks on building 200-206 S. McKenzie St. passes.

VI. Grant Recommendation

- Hollis Interiors
Wayne Hollis
200, 204, 208, 210, 212, 214 S. McKenzie St
National & Local District- Contributing & Non-Contributing
 - a. Request for exterior improvements

Commissioner Ward made a motion to recommend the requested grant with the exception of the painting of the bricks on buildings 200-206 S. McKenzie St. Chairman Turbyfill seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to recommend the requested grant with the exception of painting the bricks on building 200-206 S. McKenzie St. passes.

VII. Monthly Open Discussion

Mrs. Darrelyn Dunmore stated she had spoken with the owner of 118 W. Laurel Ave. this morning and they are under contract for the work to begin on the building within the next few weeks. She explained the windows for the building have been ordered.

Commissioner Dawson asked if a COA had been issued for the work they will be doing on the building.

Mrs. Dunmore stated she will contact the owner and let them know they need to request a COA before the work is started.

Commissioner Dawson asked about the type of windows they will be using on the building.

Mrs. Dunmore stated they will be using historical windows. She explained the Hamburg building is currently in the hands of lawyers. She stated the details cannot be discussed at this time. She explained they are trying to keep as much historical character within the building as

possible.

Commissioner Dawson stated the wood that was removed from the Hamburg building is being stored behind Foley High School.

Mr. Charlie Ebert stated there were some structural engineering questions about the building and they are currently working through those questions.

VIII.Adjournment

Chairman Turbyfill made a motion to adjourn at 1:53 p.m. Commissioner LeDrew seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to adjourn at 1:53 p.m. passes.