

## ***Historical Commission Minutes***

City of Foley Council Chambers

407 E. Laurel Ave.

Foley, Alabama

**June 7, 2022**

**1:00 p.m.**

### **I. Call to order**

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

### **II. Roll call**

Members present were: John Koniar, Kathie LeDrew, Donna Turbyfill, JaNay Dawson and Chad Watkins. Absent member was Kim Ward. 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 April 26, 2022 minutes as published

Commissioner Dawson made a motion to approve the April 26, 2022 meeting minutes. Chairman Turbyfill seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

**Motion to approve the April 26, 2022 meeting minutes passes.**

### **IV. New Business**

- Dirk Dixon  
209 S. Alston St.  
National District- Contributing
  - a. Request to whitewash the existing exterior brick façade

Chairman Turbyfill explained the building is listed as a contributing building on the National Registry. She stated the building has never been white washed and feared if the brick is whitewashed it could potentially kick the building off of the National Registry.

Commissioner Dawson stated the building was constructed in 1935 and has never been painted. She explained white washing is a permanent painting technique. She explained based on the Design Guidelines it is her opinion that the brick should not be painted.

Chairman Turbyfill stated she is looking forward to seeing the finished product of the patio expansion. She explained in reviewing the previous approval for the expansion the approval was for a brick knee wall and brick wrapped columns on the addition. She stated the approval was for red brick.

The applicant explained she was concerned about not being able to get the new brick and existing brick to match and flow together. She stated she was unaware that white washing the brick could potentially result in loss of the building's historical designation.

Chairman Turbyfill stated the best option would be matching the new brick as close as possible to the existing.

Commissioner Koniar stated the loss of the historical designation could result in losing tax credits.

The applicant stated she would try and match the existing and new brick.

Chairman Turbyfill made a motion to deny the requested certificate of appropriateness. Commissioner LeDrew seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

**Motion to deny the requested certificate of appropriateness passes.**

#### **V. Monthly Open Discussion**

Chairman Turbyfill stated the former Cactus Café building owner received approval for a certificate of appropriateness and asked if they would be applying for a façade grant.

Mrs. Darrelyn Dunmore explained she has spoken with Mr. Mark Wright about the façade grant and explained the application process.

Commissioner LeDrew asked about the status of the Hamburg building. She stated she has concerns hurricane damage has not been repaired and the building looks like it is going to fall down.

Mrs. Dunmoore explained a new roof was put on after the hurricane. She stated the property is currently under a contract and legal work on the agreement is being done at this time. She explained an engineer has inspected the building which resulted in a report of the building being structurally sound. She stated the people looking at the building are wanting to keep as much of the historical and natural character as possible. She explained before any work is performed on the building it will come before the Commission for approval.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

Commissioner Dawson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:09 p.m. Commissioner Koniar seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:09 p.m. passes.**