

## ***Historical Commission Minutes***

City of Foley Council Chambers

407 E. Laurel Ave.

Foley, Alabama

**September 6, 2022**

**1:00 p.m.**

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

Vice-Chairman JaNay Dawson called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

### **II. Roll call**

Members present were: John Koniar, Kathie LeDrew, JaNay Dawson, Kim Ward and Chad Watkins. Absent member was Donna Turbyfill. Staff present were: Nathan Smith, Building Inspector; Eden Lapham, Planner 1 and Melissa Ringler, Recording Secretary.

### **III. Approval of Minutes**

- Approve August 2, 2022 minutes as published

Commissioner Ward made a motion to approve the August 2, 2022 meeting minutes. Commissioner LeDrew seconded the motion. All members voted aye.

**Motion to approve the August 2, 2022 meeting minutes passes.**

### **IV. Staff Approvals**

- Hollis Interiors  
Wayne Hollis  
200-214 S. McKenzie St.  
Local & National District- Contributing
  - a. Request to install signage

Mr. Nathan Smith explained the signage was included in a previous approval. He stated at the time of the previous approval the sign details were not provided. He explained details have been provided for three proposed signs and a staff approval was issued.

Commissioner Ward stated she likes the look of the hanging signs over the sidewalks.

Mrs. Darrelynn Dunmore stated blade signs are allowed within the downtown area. She explained it is the business owner's personal preference if they would like to install a blade sign.

Vice Chairman Dawson stated the Commission cannot require the blade signs unless it is required by the design guidelines. She explained blade signage is very helpful in identifying businesses when walking down the sidewalk.

Mr. Wayne Dyess explained the blade signs are tied to pedestrian activity. He stated the City is

working with ALDOT to make improvements to the medians in the downtown area. He explained the intent is to make it safer to walk downtown which will increase foot traffic. He stated the increase in foot traffic will increase the demand for blade signs.

## **V. Monthly Open Discussion**

- Discussion regarding Murals

Mrs. Dunmore stated a Foley Main Street Downtown Mural and Street Art Project guidelines and application was created several months ago. She explained it was brought to her attention the Historical Commission had not reviewed the application and guidelines. She asked the Commission to review the documents and let her know if there were any concerns or changes that needed to be made. She explained the alley project will be starting soon which will include several murals.

Vice-Chairman Dawson asked if the murals in the alley will be related to Foley.

Commissioner LeDrew stated she feels the murals should be of historical subjects since they are located within the Historical District. She stated the murals should not be too close together and done with taste and artfully balanced.

Mrs. Dunmore stated they are looking at possibly doing four Foley history related murals on doors located within the alley. She explained the Foley Main Street and Historical Commission will be reviewing any murals done within their districts. She stated local students will be involved in the mural project.

Commissioner Koniar asked if there were any updates on the old bakery renovations.

Mrs. Dunmore stated the renovation is a major undertaking and she hasn't received any updates lately. She explained she has had several people show interest in locating a business in a portion of the building after it is renovated. She explained Centurylink has donated to the City the vacant land along the alley that is currently fenced off with barbed wire. She stated the fencing will be removed and there are plans to add a pocket park in the area.

## **VI. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.