

## ***Historical Commission Minutes***

City of Foley Council Chambers

407 E. Laurel Ave.

Foley, Alabama

**April 4, 2023**

**1:00 p.m.**

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

Chairman JaNay Dawson called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

### **II. Roll call**

Members present were: Bill Swanson, Chad Watkins, Jerry Morrison, JaNay Dawson, Kathie LeDrew, Donna Turbyfill and Kim Ward. Staff present were: Chuck Lay, Chief Building Inspector; Nathan Smith, Building Inspector; Eden Lapham, Planner1; Amanda Cole, Planning and Zoning Assistant and Melissa Ringler, Recording Secretary.

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

- Approve March 7, 2023 minutes as published

Commissioner Ward made a motion to approve the March 7, 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Turbyfill seconded the motion. All members voted aye.

**Motion to approve the March 7, 2023 meeting minutes passes.**

### **IV. New Business**

- South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce  
Donna Watts  
200 N. Alston St.  
National District- Contributing
  - a. Request to remove 1<sup>st</sup> floor exterior wood door and replace with gray fiberglass door
  - b. Remove canopies and replace with aluminum canopies
  - c. Cut out mortar joints above roof, stabilize and tuck all joints, install new brick and flashing on chimney to match brick
  - d. Repair cracks in building around entire building. Repoint where needed & clean up all debris
  - e. Replace existing gold signage and address on front of building with new signage

Chairman Dawson stated she wanted to stipulate for the minutes there have been changes that occurred to the building prior to the formation of the Historical Commission. She explained if they are not extremely careful moving forward the building could possibly lose its designation. She stated a loss in designation would result in a loss of tax incentives. She explained she had taken pictures of the door to be replaced and noticed there are broken

bricks above the door.

Ms. Donna Watts stated she has received a quote for the brick repair. She explained the gentleman doing the work said he would be able to find a similar brick to use for the repairs.

Chairman Dawson explained she understands a new door is needed due to rot. She stated per the Design Guidelines the wooden door cannot be replaced with a fiberglass door. She stated there is a request to replace the existing aluminum awnings with new aluminum awnings. She explained pages 58 & 59 of the Design Guidelines list allowable awning materials which do not include aluminum.

Commissioner Turbyfill stated an option would be to use another type of material for the awnings.

Ms. Watts stated there are a lot of pipes, nails and screws protruding from the exterior of the building. She explained she has received a quote for removing all the items and filling in the holes and repairing the mortar.

Chairman Dawson explained the Commission would like to see pictures of the items as they are currently on the building and of the proposed new materials that will be used. She stated there is currently a transom window above one of the doors that cannot be covered or removed.

Commissioner Swanson asked if they were adding any additional awnings to the building.

Ms. Watts explained they are requesting to replacing the existing aluminum awnings with the exception of the front door. She explained a cover is needed over the front door entrance to protect people from weather elements.

Commissioner LeDrew stated cloth awnings are allowed as long as they can be removed without causing damage to the building.

Chairman Dawson stated she would like to see more details of the proposed materials being used for the awnings and door replacement.

Commissioner Turbyfill stated the applicant can provide picture of the items they propose to use and do not have to be professional renderings of the items on the building.

Ms. Watts stated the wooden door may have to be custom made due to the size.

Commissioner Morrison asked about the level of design plans required for the Building Department approval.

Mr. Chuck Lay stated they would make sure all code requirements are being met for the awnings and door replacement before a building permit can be issued.

Commissioner Watkins explained the Commission will get a conceptual plan with approximate measurements and colored photos. He stated the applicant will have to provide more detail in

regards to fasteners and etc. when they apply for the building permit.

Chairman Dawson stated her suggestion would for the applicant to get more details and come back before the commission for the requested Certificate of Appropriateness.

Ms. Watkins explained the previous sign on the building was causing a lot of confusion for the citizens looking for the City of Foley services. She stated they will be removing the signage on the front of the building and replacing it with a similar style of signage to include the property address.

Commissioner LeDrew made a motion to reject the requested certificate of appropriateness. Commissioner Swanson seconded the motion. Commissioner Watkins abstained. All other Commissioners voted aye.

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

## **V. Monthly Discussion**

Chairman Dawson asked about the status of the staff inspection of the building located at 208 E. Laurel Ave. that had requested to be demolished at the previous meeting.

Mr. Lay stated he and Mr. Nathan Smith had inspected the building. He explained the interior has a lot of mold and the roof system needs to be replaced due to rot. He stated and it would need to be gutted and the only thing that could be saved is the block façade.

Chairman Dawson stated the issue of weed control between the buildings came up at the previous meeting. She explained there is adequate room for someone to get in the area with a sprayer to treat the weeds.

Commissioners asked if the building has become a safety hazard.

Mr. Lay stated it will turn into a safety hazard.

Chairman Dawson stated she would like staff to check into the possibility of having the Rockstall Rogers building which was once an old boarding house added to the national district and possibly have a marker added to the building.

Ms. Charlotte Hall owner of Boogie Bama stated she had previously received approve to install awnings on her building. She explained due to budget she is changing the type of awning she will be installing.

Chairman Dawson stated a new application and request needs to be submitted to the Commission for review at the next meeting.

Mrs. Eden Lapham informed the Commissioners of upcoming training events.

## **VI. Adjournment**

Chairman Dawson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:49 p.m. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion.

**Motion to adjourn at 1:49 p.m. passes.**