

## ***Historical Commission Minutes***

City of Foley Council Chambers 407 E.

Laurel Ave.

Foley, Alabama

**May 2, 2023**

**1:00 p.m.**

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

Chairman JaNay Dawson called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

### **II. Roll call**

Members present were: Chad Watkins, Jerry Morrison, JaNay Dawson, Kathie LeDrew, Donna Turbyfill and Kim Ward. Absent member was: Bill Swanson. Staff present were: Chuck Lay, Chief Building Inspector; Nathan Smith, Building Inspector and Amanda Cole, Acting Recording Secretary.

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

- Approve April 4, 2023 minutes as published

Commissioner Turbyfill made a motion to approve the April 4, 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion. All members voted aye.

**Motion to approve the April 4, 2023 meeting minutes passes.**

### **IV. Staff Approvals**

- South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce  
Donna Watts  
200 N. Alston St.  
National District- Contributing
  - a. Install a dedication plaque on building

Chuck Lay stated the request was for a dedication plaque for the Chamber of Commerce. He stated based on minor work being done, this request not violating the design guidelines and the history of a plaque being in that location it was staff approved. The wording on the plaque is not exact yet but the subject is a thank you to The City of Foley and Riviera Utilities.

### **V. Façade Grant Recommendation**

- Bungalows Inc.  
219 S. McKenzie St.  
Terry Woodard  
National District- Non Contributing (Not located in Local District)

Mr. Lay stated this property is not in the Local District but is in the National District and the guidelines for the grant say it has to go before the Commission for a recommendation to the Mayor and City Council.

Darrellyn Dunmore stated this business is in the Main Street District and that is why they are eligible for

the grant. Mrs. Dunmore stated the business has picked colors from the Historic palette and they are also going to clean the awnings if possible.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to recommend the façade grant to Mayor and Council. Commissioner Morrison seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

**Motion the recommend the façade grant to Mayor and Council passes.**

**VI. New Business**

- Checker Properties  
208 E. Laurel Ave.  
Local District- Non-Contributing
  - a. Demolish building

Michelle Sanchez presented the Commission with a landscape plan that was requested at a previous meeting. She explained the applicant would like to take down the existing building and do landscaping.

Ms. Sanchez explained some of the types of trees that would be on the property and stated they would like to have multiple levels of elevations with the taller trees in the back.

Commissioner Morrison asked if he was correct in understanding the request in front of the Commission today is for the demolition of the building and the landscaping.

Ms. Sanchez stated that was correct.

Chairman Dawson asked staff if an inspection was done on the building.

Mr. Lay stated an inspection was done and it would take a lot to restore the building. They would have to rebuild the entire roof system and have mold mediation done.

Commissioner Morrison asked if it was more than 50% damaged.

Mr. Lay stated yes.

Commissioner LeDrew stated she hated to see an old building go but would rather see it torn down and replaced with landscaping than having it deteriorate more and become an eyesore.

Commissioner Turbyfill stated she would like for the City to get Historical pictures of what the building looked like for archive purposes.

Darrellyn Dunmore stated she had a bank of photos but she did not have any older ones of this building. Ms. Dunmore volunteered to get pictures and upload them into their database.

Chairman Dawson stated if the vote was to approve the demolition of the building then we needed to get pictures of the how the building currently looks from all angles.

Chairman Dawson stated it needed to be said for the minutes that the Commission would like to find excellent pictures as old as possible of the building for prosperity.

Commissioner Turbyfill made a motion to approve the demolition of the building. Commissioner LeDrew seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

**Motion to approve the demolition of the building passes.**

- Bougie Bama  
Charlotte Hall  
110 S. Alston St.  
National District-Non-Contributing
  - a. Request to install awnings

Charlotte Hall stated she would like to change the type of awning that was previously approved for her business.

Ms. Hall stated the new awning material is very durable and lightweight. It is a cleanable, vibrant fabric.

Ms. Hall stated the installation is the same as the previously approved awnings.

Chairman Dawson asked if the awning was removable.

Ms. Hall stated yes.

Commissioner Ward made a motion to approve the request to install awnings. Commissioner Turbyfill seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

**Motion to approve the request to install awnings passes.**

- Foley Supper Club  
Daniel Cox  
213 N. McKenzie St.  
National District- Contributing
  - a. Request to add a metal parking canopy and trellis on the rear of the building

Daniel Cox stated the metal canopy was not for parking but for seating. Mr. Cox stated they were putting in a small bar and pizza kitchen and wanted to take advantage of the space for extra seating.

Commissioner Morrison stated in the application the addition was described as a canopy and a pergola and asked if there was going to be a solid top.

Mr. Cox stated it would be a solid top similar to the one Our Coffee has.

Chairman Dawson asked if the structure could come off the building in the future.

Mr. Cox stated yes.

Mr. Cox stated there would be ceiling fans and misters installed. There will possibly be awnings on the side to pull down in the winter.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the request to add a metal parking canopy and trellis on the rear of the building. Commissioner Morrison seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

**Motion to approve the request to add a metal parking canopy and trellis on the rear of the building passes.**

Mr. Cox asked about getting a Historical Plaque on this building.

Chairman Dawson stated John Jackson with the Library used to be on the Baldwin County Historical Society and to check with him.

Chairman Dawson also stated she would like for the Historical Commission along with the City Council to have a discussion regarding plaques that could be presented to businesses from the City.

Mr. Cox also asked if he could apply for a façade grant for The Foley Supper Club and said he had previously applied for a grant for Scuttlebutt Pub but didn't use it and wants to reapply.

Chairman Dawson stated the façade grants would need to be applied for and then they would come back in front of the Commission to receive a recommendation to the Mayor and Council.

**VII. Monthly Discussion**

There were no items discussed.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn at 1:35 p.m. Commissioner Ward seconded the Motion.

**Motion to adjourn at 1:30 p.m. passes.**