

Historical Commission Minutes

City of Foley Council Chambers

407 E. Laurel Ave.

Foley, Alabama

May 6, 2025 1:00 p.m.

I. Call to order

Chairman JaNay Dawson called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

II. Roll call

Members present were: Tyler Higginbotham, Jerry Morrison, Kathie LeDrew, Bill Swanson, Kim Ward, JaNay Dawson and Chad Watkins. Staff present were: Nathan Smith, Building Inspector and Amanda Cole, Acting Recording Secretary.

III. Approval of Minutes

- Approve April 1, 2025 meeting minutes

Commissioner Ward made a motion to approve the April 1, 2025 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Morrison seconded the motion. All members voted aye.

Motion to approve the April 1, 2025 meeting minutes passes.

IV. Staff Approvals

- At the Table
Cooper Fence Company/John Cooper
354 N. Alston St.
National District- Non Contributing
 - a. Request to install a 4' ornamental fence

Mr. Nathan Smith stated a request was made for a spear topped 4 ft. aluminum fence.

- Realty Executives Gulf Coast/Andrew Rambo
112 W. Laurel Ave.
National District- Contributing
 - a. Request to repair window seals and repaint façade around windows

Mr. Smith stated the applicant has requested to repair window seals and repaint the façade around the windows the same color as the existing.

Mr. Smith stated this applicant may be submitting a façade grant application next month which would include repainting the rest of the façade. The applicant has been made aware not to start on any work they wish to include in the façade grant.

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VII. New Business

- David Peleschak
315 S. Alston St.
National District- Non-Contributing
 - a. Request to paint mural on north side of building

Shae Shamp is present to discuss the item. Mrs. Shamp explained there was some confusion regarding the size of the business name in the mural. Mrs. Shamp provided pictures to the Commission showing the previous mural that was painted over, which shows their business name all across the side of the building.

Chairman Dawson asked what the size requirement for a sign is.

Mr. Smith stated it was 40 sq. ft. however staff believed there may be an issue regarding signage needing to face a street being in the design guidelines.

The Commissioners looked in the design guidelines and didn't see any reference to the above mentioned signage placement question.

Commissioner Watkins stated the application we received states no signage would be on the mural however we are discussing putting signage in the proposed mural.

Chairman Dawson stated the Commission can't approve something that we haven't seen yet. The guidelines state what is approved will have to be exactly what is submitted unless the applicant comes back to the Commission to request the change.

Commissioner Morrison suggested the applicant get with Mr. Smith regarding the sign guidelines.

Vice Chairman LeDrew made a motion to deny the request as presented. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion. All members voted aye.

Motion to deny the request as presented passes.

VIII. Monthly Discussion

Darrellyn Dunmore stated there is a city mural ordinance that may be beneficial.

Commissioners stated the ordinance should be referenced in the guidelines.

Chairman Dawson stated we may need to contact the state to see where the mural ordinance information may fit in our design guidelines. If the state has any guidelines relating to murals in Historic Districts then we need a copy of that.

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Commissioner Watkins stated he didn't believe framing the signage murals were necessary. If a frame is done then the most prominent thing on the mural becomes the signage and could draw the eye away from the artwork.

Chairman Dawson stated the importance of being consistent with their reviews and approvals.

Commissioner Swanson asked about the feather flags downtown.

Amanda Cole stated sign enforcement has been an issue and there is a plan being worked on that will include letters being sent out to all the businesses in city limits that will include a copy of the sign ordinance and after a certain time frame non-compliant signs will be removed.

Mrs. Dunmore stated when the Historic guidelines are reviewed the electronic signs in the windows should be addressed.

Chairman Dawson stated electronic signage was already in the guidelines and they were not allowed. It is all a matter of enforcement.

IX. Adjournment

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:33 p.m. Commissioner Morrison seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:33 p.m. passes.