

Historic Preservation District Commission

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Call to order

Mr. Jeff Bernard- Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Commissioners- Present: Jeff Bernard, Jason Zuckerman, Jill McGuire, Terri Hamilton

Absent: John Crane, Richard Adamiak and Susan Danielson

Administrator: Louise Scott; Secretary: Kathy Reeves

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1). August 17, 2017

Ms. McGuire made a motion to table the minutes until next meeting, Ms. Hamilton seconded. All were in favor, motion was carried.

New Business

1). HC17-08-11: Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for residential elevation-1724 Claiborne

Mr. Bernard said the meeting tonight was for the application of a Certificate of Appropriateness for elevation at 1724 Claiborne.

Ms. Scott started the power point with the HPDC sheet showing the structure as contributing on both surveys. Ms. Scott had multiple photos of the exterior. She also includes a site plan which showed a live oak tree that they were going to have to work with.

Nic Leblanc, the City's building official and floodplain administrator, who was working with the applicant on a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGF). He stated the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) requires approval from governing bodies and would pay for certain percentages of required details and more important is what would not be approved.

Ms. Scott said there was a need for more detail on the porch because the drawing didn't actually depict the picture. She said some of the other things to look at were the elements of the piers, the placement and color of the screening, and materials for the stairs.

Richard Vaughan, the applicant and homeowner, stated he planned to raise the carport with the house. Mr. Zuckerman asked if the carport roof was attached, which Mr. Vaughan stated it was. Mr. Zuckerman thought that if the applicant left some of the elements lower it would help the scale and he also felt the drawings did not represent the actual look of the house.

Ms. Scott pointed out that if the intension was to keep the planters as a feature, the split stairs worked. So if that was an important feature to preserve, then the Commission would need to make the split stairs a requirement for SHPO to pay for that.

Mr. Bernard made a motion to table the project HC17-08-11, until better plans could be submitted. Mr. Zuckerman seconded. All were in favor, the motion passed.

2). HC17-08-12: Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior renovation -137 Girod

Ms. Scott presented the application with a power point showing the house as rated contributing on both surveys. She stated the construction date was around 1910 to 1920. She also showed current

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pictures of the structure. Ms. Scott also included a rendering that showed proposed balconies to the north side of the house.

Mr. Lynn Mitchell, architect, stated the design intension was to remove the driveway on the northside and make a covered patio for the first floor. The structure contained four (4) living spaces on the second floor and office space on the first floor that would be rented out as individual spaces not as a whole space. He commented that the plans were currently before Planning and Zoning Commission, to ask for a two (2) foot variance in the front and a ten (10) foot variance on the sides.

Mr. Leblanc stated the structure was not currently compliant for egress. He commented that the new balconies would not only solve this issue with Fire Marshall but make it functional as well.

Mr. Wolfe, applicant and owner, said his intentions were to make the residential apartments upscale and that the porches would serve as cover for the first floor patio.

Mr. Mitchell added that the porches would add animation to the street.

Mr. Zuckerman commented that even though it was a different approach to preservation strategies, he really liked the design approach and that it seemed like it would enhance the street scape. Ms. Hamilton stated it was a nice addition, Ms. McGuire agreed that it looked fantastic, and Mr. Bernard hoped that they respected the craftsman style.

Mr. Zuckerman made a motion to approve HC17-08-12 conceptually, that the applicant comes back with construction details for the final COA. Mr. Bernard seconded. All were in favor, the motion passed.

Mr. Zuckerman made another motion to recommend to Planning and Zoning to approve the variances for 137 Gilrod, to accomplish the conceptual plan. Ms. Hamilton seconded. All were in favor, the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1). Discussion-landmarks, wells and ponds

Mr. Bernard said there was an article in the newspaper about the wells. He thought Mr. Adamiak was in the process of creating a data base. He asked the discussion remain on the agenda for the next meeting and hoped Mr. Adamiak would have an update.

2). Discussion-Mandeville Street Scape and

3). Discussion-Demolition by neglect-

Mr. Bernard spoke to Mr. Edward Deano, City attorney, about getting together for a discussion. Ms. Scott said they had a list of some properties. She also stated the City may need to go to the State to change the legislation language, maybe using "Historic Properties in Need".

Mr. Bernard asked about Mr. Adamiak's request to add language to the CLURO concerning the definition of landmark. Ms. Scott commented Mr. Adamiak was going to send her something for that.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

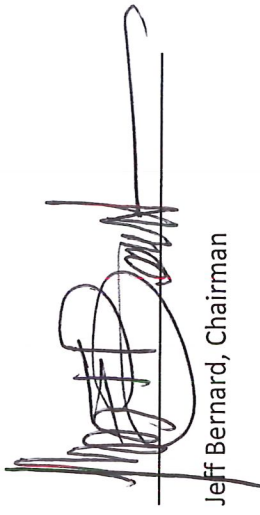
Mr. Bernard stated the next meeting would be October 5th.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bernard made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Zuckerman seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

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Kathy Reeves, Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jeff Bernard", written over a horizontal line. The signature is written in black ink with a red flourish at the end.

Jeff Bernard, Chairman

