

The following minutes are from the Historic Commission meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 in the Abita Springs Town Hall. The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Blitch called the meeting to order and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners in attendance included Ron Blitch, Paul Vogt, Andre Monnot, and Otto Dinkelacker. Thad Mancil was absent. Kristin Tortorich and Mark Fancey were also present.

The Commission reviewed the draft minutes from the February 9, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Monnot motioned to accept the minutes of the February 9, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Dinkelacker seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

Certificate of Appropriateness 22107 Hwy 36

The owners of The Juicery submitted a sign, exterior paint colors, and a proposed mural for review. The sign would be the same size and same location as the existing sign on the building. Commissioner Vogt motioned to approve the sign. Commissioner Dinkelacker seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

Commissioner Vogt motioned to approve the exterior paint colors. Commissioner Dinkelacker seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

The Commission reviewed the proposed mural. Commissioner Dinkelacker motioned to approve the mural. Commissioner Monnot seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

Certificate of Appropriateness 71162 Hwy 59

The Commission discussed several options for an awning for the building with the applicant. Commissioner Dinkelacker motioned to approve the awning subject to a follow-up to confirm that the awning design matches awnings at the adjacent Women's Center building. Commissioner Monnot seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

The applicant also discussed enclosing the rear of the building. No drawings were submitted for the enclosure. The Commission decided to defer action on this item until drawings and pictures are submitted.

Certificate of Appropriateness 72244 Gordon Street

The request is to construct a 4-foot high vinyl fence around a swimming pool in the rear yard. The fence design would match the existing front porch. Commissioner Monnot motioned to approve the fence. Commissioner Monnot seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

Certificate of Appropriateness 72082 Live Oak Street

The property owner removed a chain link fence in the side yard adjacent to 72088 Live Oak Street to make repairs on the property and would now like to re-construct a chain link fence in the same location. The fence extends approximately 40 feet back from the front property line. New chain link fences are not allowed in the Historic District. Discussion ensued regarding the history of the fence. Commissioner Blitch suggested that green vinyl fence could be used. Commissioners expressed concern about setting precedence by approving a chain link fence.

The applicant also wants to construct a 6-foot high wooden privacy fence that would adjoin the proposed chain link fence and extend to the rear of the property. The fence would meet the required setback from the front of the building.

Commissioner Monnot motioned to approve the privacy fence and defer action on the chain link fence. Commissioner Dinkelacker seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

Later in the meeting, the applicant returned and amended the application to install a 4-foot high picket fence where the chain link fence had previously been located. Discussion ensued about the required spacing for pickets. Commissioner Monnot suggested the applicant submit a sketch prior to the next meeting. Commissioner Dinkelacker motioned to approve the request subject to seeing additional information regarding the fence and the picket spacing. Commissioner Monnot seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor. Commissioner Dinkelacker is assigned for follow-up.

Certificate of Appropriateness 72085 Pine Street

The applicant is proposing to construct a 4-foot high prefinished aluminum fence around a pool located in the rear yard. Commissioner Dinkelacker motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Monnot seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

DISCUSSION

Proposed residence – Laurel and Grover streets

The Commission reviewed a proposed residential design regarding a front porch that would not extend the required minimum of 2/3 the width of the front façade. The Commission discussed the front façade and suggested changes to the roof line. Commissioner Blich warned against cutting any Town trees at the periphery of the property.

71162 Hwy 59

Kristin Tortorich said that she has yet to receive confirmation after sending a certified letter to the property owner. Commissioner Blich provided some background on previous changes to the property that were not submitted for Historic Commission review. He said that a canopy over a deck has been constructed that was not approved by the Commission.

Proposed amendments to Code of Ordinances Sec. 9-306 and Sec. 9-802.

The Commission reviewed draft amendments. The amendments would extend the Commission’s jurisdiction to include properties zoned Planned Unit Development (PUD). The amendments would require the regulations of the historic district be applicable to all properties zoned PUD situated along those highway corridors listed in Code Section 9-306. Currently only commercial properties are subject to the historic standards.

Commissioner Monnot motioned to request the Planning and Zoning Commission consider the proposed amendments. Commissioner Dinkelacker seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

Commissioner Monnot motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dinkelacker seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Kristin M. Tortorich, Planning and Zoning

Date