

The following minutes are from the Historic Commission meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, in the Abita Springs Town Hall. The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m.

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

The Commission reviewed the draft minutes from the August 9, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Monnot motioned to accept the minutes of the August 9, 2022 meeting as presented. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

Certificate of Appropriateness 101 Abita Oaks Loop

The request is to construct a patio cover. The Commission recently approved the design of the residence to be constructed on the property. Commissioner Blicht asked for more information regarding the height of the patio cover in relation to the existing roof.

Commissioner Dinkelacker motioned to approve the request subject to a revised drawing that can be approved by the assigned commissioner. Commissioner Monnot seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor. The application is assigned to Commissioner Dinkelacker.

Certificate of Appropriateness 71282 St. Joseph Street

The request is to construct a 4-foot-high picket fence in the front yard and a 6-foot privacy fence on a portion of the side yard. The Commission reviewed the request and noted that the privacy fence needs to be set back an additional three (3) feet from the street.

Commissioner Monnot motioned to approve the request subject to moving the privacy fence to 18 feet 6 inches from the front lot line. Commissioner Dinkelacker seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor. The application is assigned to Commissioner Monnot.

Certificate of Appropriateness 71312 St. Joseph Street

The request is to construct a new garage. Commissioner Dinkelacker noted that the roof pitch of the new building should match that of the existing house. Commissioner Dinkelacker reviewed the construction checklist.

Commissioner Dinkelacker motioned to approve the request with revision to the roof slope of the building to match the existing roof facing St. Charles Street. Commissioner Monnot seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor. The application is assigned to Commissioner Blicht.

Certificate of Appropriateness 21464 Clear Creek Drive

The request is to construct an addition to an existing residence. The residence will be used as a private school. The building addition includes a classroom and restroom. The applicant is also requesting approval to construct a 6-foot-high privacy fence. The Commission reviewed this request at the August 9, 2022 meeting. The Commission requested additional information regarding the window trim and parking and driveway areas. Commissioner Dinkelacker said the submittal addresses the issues previously raised by the Commission.

Commissioner Dinkelacker motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion.

Commissioner Blicht asked for any public comment.

The resident at 21466 Clear Creek Drive said the road is substandard and needs grading and expressed concerns regarding the additional traffic generated by a school.

Commissioner Blicht called for a vote on the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

Certificate of Appropriateness 22096 Main Street

The request is to construct a fence and exterior staircase at the rear of a garage. A window on the building would be replaced by a door.

Commissioner Dinkelacker motioned to approve the fence. Commissioner Monnot seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

The proposed awning at the top of the exterior stair would be metal. Commissioner Dinkelacker said in the past the Commission has required wooden awning brackets.

Commissioner Dinkelacker motioned to approve the staircase and awning as presented, noting that the applicant may explore options regarding wooden brackets for the awning. Commissioner Monnot seconded the request. All commissioners were in favor.

Certificate of Appropriateness 71555 St. James Street

The request is to replace a rear porch that is rotten with a screened porch. Commissioner Dinkelacker said the siding must be board and batten or match the siding on the existing house. He noted this on the drawings. Commissioner Dinkelacker reviewed the construction checklist. He noted the Commission will need additional detail on the ramp.

Commissioner Dinkelacker motioned to approve subject to the mark ups on the submitted drawings. Commissioner Monnot seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Blicht suggested that good examples of applications for a Certificate of Appropriateness be placed on the Town website. He said samples could include an application for a new house and an application for a fence.

Public Comment

No comments received.

Commissioner Monnot motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Kristin M. Tortorich, Planning and Zoning

Date