

The following minutes are from the Historic Commission meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 in the Abita Springs Town Hall. The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m.

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

Commissioner Mancil motioned to amend the agenda to add review of Abita Middle School improvements and the review of paint color for the proposed fence at 72125 Gum Street. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

The Commission reviewed the draft minutes from the August 11, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Monnot motioned to accept the minutes of the August 11, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

Certificate of Appropriateness 22133 Palmer Street

The request is to install a 6-foot high fence around a pool in the rear yard. Commissioner Monnot motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

Certificate of Appropriateness 72125 Gum Street

The request is to construct a 4-foot high fence in the front yard and a portion of the side yard transitioning to a 6-foot high fence in the side yard. Commissioner Mancil noted that in the side yard the fence needs to be no higher than 4 feet for one-third of the building depth. The paint color for the fence meets the Design Review Guideline requirements. Commissioner Vogt motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Monnot seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

Certificate of Appropriateness Hwy. 36 and St. Charles - Lots 5, 7, 8, 9, & 10

The request is to construct a single family residence on five (5) combined lots. Kristin Tortorich explained that a 1,200 square foot house will be constructed on the property. Later, a larger residence will be constructed and the house under review would serve as a guest house. Commissioner Mancil reviewed the Certificate of Appropriateness checklist. He suggested an improvement to the Boston gable proposed for the front of the house. He said that fluorescent tubes cannot be used for exterior lighting. The proposed color meets the Design Review Guidelines. Commissioner Monnot motioned to approve the request with a strong recommendation to adjust the front gable. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

Certificate of Appropriateness 22338 Level Street

The request is to install a side yard fence to match existing fencing. The fence would transition from 4-foot high near the front of the house to 6-feet high in the side yard. Commissioner Vogt motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Monnot seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

Certificate of Appropriateness Abita Springs Middle School

At the June 9, 2020 meeting, the Commission approved a Certificate of Appropriateness to construct a new library and classroom building at Abita Springs Middle School. The project also includes construction of a new storage shed, fencing and gates for the playground, and a canopied area for pick-up and drop-off of students. The Commission approved the request subject to submittal of the color palette, changes to the appearance of the shed, and relief from the flat sections of hardy plank siding. The applicant submitted

revisions to the storage building and the canopy over the pickup area. The Commission had no objections to the revisions. Commissioner Mancil noted that fluorescent lighting cannot be used as exterior lighting. The color palette will be submitted once the construction work has been contracted. Commissioner Monnot motioned to proceed with the approval. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

DISCUSSION

Kristin Tortorich said that the Town Council’s discussion of the proposed amendments to the Design Review Guidelines regarding porches, and corner lot fences has been moved to the November Council meeting.

Commissioner Vogt motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Monnot seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Kristin M. Tortorich, Planning and Zoning

Date