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Historic Minutes

January 8, 2019, 6:00 PM
Abita Springs Town Hall

The following are the minutes from the Historic Meeting held on January 8, 2019 in the Abita Town Hall at 6 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Ron Blicht. Commissioners in attendance included: Bryan Gowland, Thad Mancil, Andre Monnot and Ron Blicht. Lynne Congemi arrived late. Also, in attendance were the new Mayor, Dan Curtis, and Alderman Steven Saussy. Certified Building Official Dave Chatelain and Cindy Chatelain, Planning & Zoning Director were also present.

Ron Blicht asked if there were any agenda modifications that needed to be addressed. Bryan Gowland added an informal discussion of the latest submittal from O'Reilly Auto. Lynne Congemi seconded the motion. All in favor.

A motion was made by Andre Monnot to correct the minutes from the December Meeting. A typo in the third paragraph...July meeting... needs to be changed to November meeting. Bryan Gowland motioned to accept the minutes, with the correction, and to dispense with the reading. Seconded by Thad Mancil. All in favor.

2019 01 01 Rhonda Scorsone submitted a request for approval. Ms. Scorsone was unable to attend the meeting as she was home sick. She made arrangement to have the information available for review. Sketches show the board and batten which will be attached to the exterior of the old laundromat on Leveson Street. The windows will be framed with the required trim. Awnings are planned over the windows and doors. Goose neck lights were also mentioned as added elements. Ron Blicht stated that he had a long phone conversation with Ms. Scorsone, and although the presentation is rather informal, there should be enough information to entertain the request for approval. Bryan Gowland motioned to approve, subject to the information submitted. Seconded by Thad Mancil. All in favor. A Certificate of Appropriateness was issued. CO assigned, Ron Blicht.

Lee barrios asked about the zoning of the Laundromat and asked if we knew what Ms. Scorsone intended to do with this building. The property is zoned C2 in the Cultural District. Ms. Scorsone has not informed the P&Z Office of her intended use of the building.

Ron Blitch opened the meeting to discussion. O'Reilly Auto has submitted another idea for review. The latest submittal shows that EIFS is planned for the front entrance (RED) and the rest of the building is noted to be painted concrete block. The commission does not want painted concrete block but would approve the blocks to be skimmed to resemble stucco. The goose neck lights are a positive, but the awning is not proportional in size. This new plan is heading in the right direction. The commission noted that the "stucco look" was approved for Auto Zone and the building came out very nice.

More discussion took place concerning meetings. Ron Blitch suggests that Planning & Zoning and Historic Commissions have a representative at every meeting. The public would be better informed.

There are still some adjustments that need to be done to the Historic Ordinance. The meeting dates and advertisement requirements need to be reviewed. In the meantime, the commission wants to implement the following meeting schedule and cutoff dates. All applications must be submitted to the P&Z Office (14) fourteen days prior to the meeting date. Plans must be submitted as a PDF as well as full size drawings. All applications will be posted on the Town's Website (7) seven days prior to the meeting. This new information and these new requirements will be added to the Town's webpage as soon as possible.

Bryan Gowland announced that this is his last Historic Meeting. He will be moving over to Planning & Zoning to serve as a Commissioner.

Dave Chatelain showed a piece of vinyl trim to the commission to clarify if it would meet the requirements for the 3" window trim that is now in place. The commission agreed that it is acceptable. (j-channel)

With no other business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bryan Gowland. The motion was seconded by Thad Mancil. All were in favor.

The next Historic meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2019. Meeting adjourned.



Cindy Chatelain

Planning & Zoning Director



Date