

The following minutes are from the Historic Commission meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 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, Otto Dinkelacker, Thad Mancil, and Paul Vogt. Andre Monnot was absent. Kristin Tortorich and Mark Fancey were also present.

The Commission reviewed the draft minutes from the May 10, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Dinkelacker motioned to accept the minutes of the May 10, 2022 meeting as presented. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

Certificate of Appropriateness 22062 12th Street

The request is to construct a new accessory building. The building would be a 16 by 20 foot Tuff Shed on a slab. After discussion, the applicant decided to use vinyl siding rather than wood. The siding would match the color of the existing house.

Commissioner Mancil motioned to approve the request based on the clarifying notes regarding the siding. Commissioner Dinkelacker seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor. Commissioner Mancil is assigned to the application.

Certificate of Appropriateness 71317 St. Joseph Street

The request is to construct an accessory building. The applicant is seeking a hardship variance to allow the building to be set back from the front façade less than one-third the depth of the building. The applicant is seeking approval of the hardship variance prior to submitting design plans for the building for review by the Commission.

The property is located at the corner of 12th Street and St. Joseph Street. The house can be accessed from either street. The Commission reviewed the site plan and discussed the location of the front yard. Commissioner Dinkelacker said that there is a clear argument that 12th Street is the front yard.

Commissioner Mancil motioned that the proposed location for the building does not conflict with the Design Review Guidelines. Commissioner Dinkelacker seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

Certificate of Appropriateness 71342 St. Charles Street

The request is to construct a new residence. A residence was previously approved on the property, but the design has subsequently been changed.

Commissioner Blitch noted that the design includes lattice skirting to screen the foundation pilings. Discussion ensued regarding how to resolve issues with the lattice work at the corners of the building. Commissioner Dinkelacker suggested using a wooden frame to create corners and improve the appearance.

Commissioner Mancil motioned to approve the request subject to details being provided regarding the lattice work skirting. Commissioner Dinkelacker seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor. Commissioner Dinkelacker is assigned to the application.

Certificate of Appropriateness 72044 Gum Street

The request is to construct a privacy fence. The applicant is proposing a 6-foot high fence topped with a 2-foot shadowbox rather than lattice work. Commissioner Dinkelacker said the purpose for the lattice is to allow light through and it is not possible to see through a shadowbox. Commissioner Blitch and Commissioner Mancil

suggested a 7-foot tall fence topped with a one-foot shadowbox. Discussion ensued regarding the fence design and location. Commissioner Blitch suggested the applicant submit a sample design.

Commissioner Vogt motioned to approve a 6-foot high fence topped with 2-feet of lattice subject to final review. Commissioner Dinkelacker seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

Certificate of Appropriateness 22195 Grover Street

The request is to replace the roof. Commissioner Mancil motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Dinkelacker seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

Commissioner Dinkelacker recused himself for the remaining two applications.

Certificate of Appropriateness 72104 Laurel Street

The request is to install a 42-inch high metal picket fence with a gated driveway. Commissioner Mancil motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

Certificate of Appropriateness 22014 2nd Street

The request is a revision to a previously approved design to relocate several windows and install two new doors. The project has been scaled back. The proposed changes would not increase the overall footprint of the house. Commissioner Mancil motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

DISCUSSION

Public Comment

Stewart Eastman suggested a specific period look be adopted in the historic guidelines. He suggested that the year 1888 be used as this was the year when the pavilion was rebuilt, and the St. Anne house was constructed next door to his house. He said that this approach would .0create a consistent period look to buildings.

He suggested that porches should be wider for single-story residences and that commercial buildings with a second story should have balconies like those found in the 19th century.

Commissioner Vogt motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dinkelacker seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Kristin M. Tortorich, Planning and Zoning

Date