

The following minutes are from the Historic Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 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, Thad Mancil and Otto Dinkelacker. Kristin Tortorich and Mark Fancey were also present.

The Commission reviewed the draft minutes from the April 13, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Mancil motioned to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Monnot seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

Commissioner Blitch motioned to amend the agenda to remove the review for 72151 Cypress Avenue and to add review of a proposed accessory building at 22040 12th Street. Commissioner Mancil seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

Certificate of Appropriateness 71162 Hwy 59

The request is to construct a 4-foot high fence in the front yard. Two sections of fence would be constructed on existing posts. The fence slats would run horizontally and the fence would not be painted.

Commissioner Blitch said that the Commission did not review an application for the canopy placed over the deck. The applicant said the ramp would eventually cover an area where a ramp would tie-in to the deck. Commissioners Blitch and Mancil offered several suggestions on improving the appearance of the columns supporting the canopy.

Commissioner Blitch stressed the need to make application to the Commission prior to construction. He noted that several projects had been completed on the property without review and approval by the Commission.

The application also includes a request to site an accessory shed on the property. It was unclear if the proposed location for the shed meets Zoning Ordinance requirements. This will need to be confirmed.

Commissioner Mancil motioned to approve the 4-foot high fence and defer action on siting the shed. Regarding the existing canopy, a formal proposal is needed showing proposed corrections to the columns prior to commencing work. For any future improvements, an application needs to be submitted prior to any construction. Commissioner Dinkelacker seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

Certificate of Appropriateness Hwy 435 and Brook Forest Road

The request is to construct a single family residence. The applicant noted the Commission's opinion that the building should be rotated so that the upstairs bedroom does not face Hwy 435. He explained that the house location was based on siting the driveway to access the portion of Brook Forest Road that is paved.

Commissioner Mancil reviewed the building checklist. All items complied with the Design Guidelines. The application included approval for a privacy fence, however the applicant is unsure of the fence location at this time. Commissioner Dinkelacker motioned to approve the request noting that the fence request would be considered later. Commissioner Mancil seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor. Commissioner Dinkelacker is assigned for follow-up.

Certificate of Appropriateness 71385 St. Joseph Street

The request is to construct a building addition. Commissioner Monnot reviewed the building checklist. All items complied with the Design Guidelines. The applicant noted that existing windows would be re-used in the building addition. Commissioner Monnot motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Mancil seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor. Commissioner Monnot is assigned for follow-up.

Certificate of Appropriateness 71675 Leveson Street

The request is to construct a enclosure an outdoor storage area at the rear of the building. Commissioner Dinkelacker motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Mancil seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor. Commissioner Dinkelacker is assigned for follow-up.

Certificate of Appropriateness 22040 12th Street

The request it to construct a two-story accessory building. The building would have an office on the first floor with an apartment above. Discussion ensued about the hardi-plank siding proposed.

Commissioner Mancil motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Dinkelacker seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor. Commissioner Mancil is assigned for follow-up.

Certificate of Appropriateness 22084 Main Street

The request is to enclose a back porch as a sunroom. The applicant was not present. No discussion ensued.

DISCUSSION

No items discussed.

Commissioner Mancil motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Blitch seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Kristin M. Tortorich, Planning and Zoning

Date