

The following minutes are from the Historic Commission meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, in the Abita Springs Town Hall. The meeting convened at 6:00 P.M.

Commission Chairman Thad Mancil called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Ron Blitch.

Commissioners Thad Mancil, Ron Blitch, Andre Monnot, and Paul Vogt were present. Commissioner Otto Dinkelacker was absent. Kristin Tortorich and Heather Hockman were also present.

**Agenda Modification**

**Commissioner Monnot motioned to amend the agenda to postpone the vote for Commission Chair and Vice Chair to the next meeting. Commissioner Blitch seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.**

**Acceptance of Minutes**

The Commissioners were provided with the minutes from the February 15, 2023, meeting.

**Commissioner Monnot motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. All voted in favor.**

**Consider Certificate of Appropriateness 22213 Level Street**

The application is for shoring repair of the main house. The application states the existing bricks will be salvaged where possible and new bricks matching the existing bricks will be used as needed.

**Commissioner Blitch motioned to approve the application as submitted. Commissioner Monnot seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The application was assigned to Commissioner Monnot.**

**Consider Certificate of Appropriateness Brighthouse Learning, 21464 Clear Creek Drive**

The application is to add an additional shed that matches the existing shed. Chairman Mancil asked about the location in relation to the existing shed and the applicant stated they will be back-to-back.

**Commissioner Blitch motioned to approve the application as discussed. Commissioner Monnot seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The commissioner currently assigned to the school's file will remain assigned for this application.**

**Consider Certificate of Appropriateness 72125 Hickory Street**

The application is for a new vinyl shed. Commissioner Blitch asked about the orientation of the shed. The applicant stated the shed would open to the backyard and the side facing the street has the option of adding a window. Commissioner Blitch said the Commission has a requirement that the accessory building should match the materials of the existing house whenever possible, but he also said he understands the flooding issues that property faces from the pictures the applicant provided and the location near the river. Commissioner Blitch asked if the applicant would be agreeable to planting bamboo or other plants that could be planted on the street side. The applicant agreed.

**Commissioner Monnot motioned to approve the application. Commissioner Blitch seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Commissioner Dinkelacker is assigned.**

**Consider Certificate of Appropriateness 22164 Main Street**

Commissioner Monnot presented the application for an addition. Chairman Mancil asked about the driveway on the plans. Commissioner Monnot stated there was no commercial purpose, it was just drawn to show the space for the residents to turn around. Commissioner Monnot stated it would be a gravel driveway that is either concrete or stone block edged. Commissioner Monnot said that although the plans have a commercial look to them, they are for a residence. Commissioner Monnot said the second floor would be extended out over the porch to include a master bedroom, bathroom, and L-shaped porch, with the porch being in the footprint of the existing house. Commissioner Blitch suggested changing the spacing of the columns to space them equally.

**Commissioner Blitch motioned to approve the application, and noted it was a model application with all aspects the Commission is looking for when considering a Certificate of Appropriateness. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. Commissioner Monnot abstained from the vote, and all other Commissioners voted in favor. Commissioner Blitch is assigned.**

**Consider Certificate of Appropriateness 71351 Keller Street**

The application is for a 4’ aluminum fence with puppy pickets to replace an existing wood fence.

**Commissioner Blitch motioned to approve the application if the fence location is the same as the existing fence. The applicant needs to submit a clear site plan to staff. Commissioner Monnot seconded the motion. Commissioner Blitch is assigned.**

**Administrative Review**

None

**Open Comments/Announcements**

Commissioner Blitch asked about the status of changes to the Historic Guidelines. Kristin Tortorich explained that due to the Master Plan, the changes were temporarily on hold, but that hopefully the next meeting agenda would contain the guideline changes.

Kristin Tortorich thanked Thad Mancil for his ten years of service to the Historic Commission and said any applications assigned to him would be reassigned as he is stepping down from the Commission.

**Adjournment**

**Commissioner Monnot motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Blitch seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 P.M.**

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Kristin Tortorich, Planning & Zoning Director

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Date