

The following minutes are from the Historic Commission meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 in the Abita Springs Town Hall Annex. The meeting convened at 6:03 p.m.

Commissioner Mancil called the meeting to order. Commissioners in attendance included Thad Mancil, Otto Dinkelacker, and Paul Vogt. Commissioners Ron Blicht and Andre Monnot were absent. Kristin Tortorich and Heather Hockman were also present.

Commissioner Mancil asked for a motion to add an item to the agenda. Commissioner Vogt motioned to add the Home Bank sign application to the meeting agenda. Commissioner Dinkelacker seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Commission reviewed the draft minutes from the November 9, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Dinkelacker motioned to accept the minutes of the November 9, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

Certificate of Appropriateness 22114 12th Street

The request is to change the porch rail design for a new single-family residence previously approved. The residents are asking for approval to install horizontal metal coated wires with wooden rails and posts. The homeowner stated the design originally proposed would take away from the look of the house, so she preferred this alternate design which would create a more minimalistic look.

Commissioner Mancil stated that he liked the originally approved design, but there was nothing in the guidelines that would prevent them from allowing the new design.

Commissioner Dinkelacker motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. All commissioners voted in favor. Commissioner Monnot is still assigned to the application.

Certificate of Appropriateness 72269 Gordon Avenue

The request is to add a new single-family residence with a guest house and a carport.

Multiple carport designs were discussed. Ultimately the Commissioners and homeowner agreed that a single carport for each structure would be approved. Homeowner to resubmit plans via email for approval showing two lean-to carports with metal roofs where the high ends are at or below the height of the eaves of the main house.

Commissioner Dinkelacker motioned to approve the design based on resubmitted drawings. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor. Commissioner Mancil is assigned to the application.

Certificate of Appropriateness 70963 Highway 59

The request is to replace the face of the Home Bank sign.

Commissioners noted minimal changes.

Commissioner Vogt motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Otto Dinkelacker seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

DISCUSSION

Municipal Building Signs at 72077 Live Oak Street

Commissioners reviewed the design for two new signs for the administrative offices. The Commissioners were pleased with the sign designs for the front and side of the Town Hall Annex.

Highway 59 near Harrison Avenue, Town Entrance Sign

Commissioners reviewed a design for a new sign to be placed on Highway 59. Sandra Slifer presented a landscape plan to the Commissioners to give them an idea of the placement of the sign in front of the lift station on Highway 59 near Harrison Avenue. She stated the idea of the sign was to give the entrance some presence. The sign was designed by Dave Kelsey. The colors would be dark green, lighter green, and ivory. The sign would be approximately 4’ tall and 8’ wide. It would be a minimum of 4’ off of the ground on 6”x6” posts and would be lit by goose neck lights.

All Commissioners expressed they liked the sign design.

Public Comment

Kristin Tortorich asked the Commissioners if they received the meeting dates for next year and if there were any conflicts. None were stated.

Commissioner Dinkelacker asked about a new fence at 22260 Main Street. Kristin Tortorich said she would research it.

Commissioner Dinkelacker motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Kristin M. Tortorich, Planning and Zoning

Date