

The following minutes are from the Historic Commission meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, in the Abita Springs Town Hall. The meeting convened at 6:01 p.m.

Commission Vice Chairman Dinkelacker called the meeting to order. Commissioner Vogt led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners in attendance included Ron Blitch, Paul Vogt, and Otto Dinkelacker. Thad Mancil and Andre Monnot were absent. Kristin Tortorich and Heather Hockman were also present.

Call For Agenda Modification

None.

Acceptance of Minutes

The Commission reviewed the draft minutes from the February 14, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Blitch motioned to accept the minutes of the February 14, 2023, meeting as submitted. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

Certificate of Appropriateness 71463 Highway 59

The application is for a privacy fence on the left side of the house to tie into the existing fence at the rear of the lot. It would be a 6' solid, cedar fence beginning at 1/3 the distance of the length of the house. In front of the 6' fence would be a 4' fence and gate. The Commission asked the applicant what the design plan was for the lowered 4' section of fencing. The applicant stated the same solid, cedar construction. Commissioner Dinkelacker said his only concern was the 4' section. Commissioner Blitch stated that the Commission has allowed wire and spaced picket fences in the past, but not the solid fencing as proposed for 4' heights. Discussion ensued over the 4' and 6' options.

Commissioner Blitch motioned to approve the application as modified with the agreement of the homeowner to have 6' and 4' pickets with the 4' pickets being spaced as per the guidelines. Commission Vice Chairman Dinkelacker seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Certificate of Appropriateness 101 Abita Oaks Blvd.

The application is to add an 8'x10' shed in the rear corner of the lot. The applicant stated that the shed would be painted to match the color of the house and have the same shingles to match the roof of the house.

Commissioner Blitch motioned for approval of the application as submitted. Commission Vice Chairman Dinkelacker seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Certificate of Appropriateness 22029 8th Street

The application is to enclose an existing carport to create a garage. Commissioner Blitch noted the elevation is missing the column nearest the front door. He suggested the siding should touch and not cover the existing columns. Commission Vice Chairman Dinkelacker suggested keeping the columns on the exterior of the enclosure and stated the arch should look supported, not floating on one side. The applicant stated that the colors and Hardie board would match the house. Commissioner Blitch mentioned the windows should have trim and the windowpanes are correct as shown. Mr. Blitch noticed no lighting was shown and stated they could be added, but fluorescent fixtures are not allowed.

Commissioner Blitch motioned to approve the application with the addition of the columns being exposed on the front and back elevations. Commission Vice Chairman Dinkelacker seconded the motion. All voted in favor. This application is assigned to Commissioner Blitch.

DISCUSSION

Possible changes to Historic Guidelines regarding lattice for fencing

Commissioner Blicht said that the chain link terminology should be removed. Commissioner Vogt said he thought the wording was ambiguous and could be misinterpreted about the fence height. Language changes were discussed and suggested by the Commission. Kristin Tortorich said that she would make the edits to the guidelines.

Commissioner Blicht motioned, with the modifications made, to move the guideline changes forward to a Public Hearing. Commission Vice Chairman Dinkelacker seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

Commission Vice Chairman Dinkelacker motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Blicht seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Kristin M. Tortorich, Planning and Zoning

Date