

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
June 7, 2011
6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ken Floyd at 6:00M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken. Members answering the roll call were Ken Floyd, Sue Riley, Connie Schrombeck, and Martha Burger-Farrellbegg. Also present were Code Official Tom Trulley, Tiffany Tolbert Director of Historic Landmarks Foundation and Recording Secretary Chris Marbach.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Floyd asked for a motion to approve the April 5, 2011 meeting minutes. Martha Burger-Farrellbegg moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Connie Schrombeck. Voting was **all in favor**.

The Petitioner was not present. The petitioner would be late. Tiffany Tolbert suggested amending the agenda to include the installation of signage. Sue Riley moved to amend the agenda to include the installation of signage. Seconded by Martha Burger-Farrellbegg. Voting was **all in favor**.

New Business:

Petitioner: 11-02 Nicholas Kouri
Request: Certificate of Appropriateness
Purpose: Replacement of 2 x 1 Decorative Stone
Location: 308 E. Commercial Ave.

Tiffany explained that the petitioner was replacing a 1 X 2 decorative terra cotta tile had been damaged when the sign company attempted to install the sign. After the commission discussed their concerns and stated that they had questions, Tiffany suggested that they could table this until next month and write the concerns down and send recommendations to the petitioner.

The petitioner arrived at 6:30 PM. Chairman Floyd explained that the commission had amended the agenda to include the installation of the sign. Nicholas Kouri stated that he owned the building on 308 E. Commercial and wanted to put a backlit business sign on the façade of the building. He further stated that there was a tile 24" x 1" right in the middle of the façade that was sticking out about ½" and the sign could not be put up flat against the building, which would make it more stable. He stated that he was going to replace the small tile and put the sign on top of it. Chairman Floyd asked if it would be limestone. Mr. Kouri stated that it would be limestone with the same decoration as the old tile. Chairman Floyd asked about the sign. Mr. Kouri stated that the sign would be 14' x 3' backlit and anchored to the mortar of the brick and he was not planning to install electric at this time. Tiffany stated that because this building is in the Downtown Historic District, there is concern that the terra cotta tiles are not damaged. She further stated that the Design Guidelines for the Downtown District regarding internally luminated signs is

not recommended, but the sign can be lit with a light shining down on the sign. Mr. Kouri stated that he would just install the sign and install an external lighting system in the future. Sue Riley had a concern about covering architectural features on buildings that is addressed in the Design Guidelines. Tiffany explained that in this case they were only covering one decorative tile and not the more elaborate ornamentation on the top of the building.

Connie Schrombeck moved to adopt the Findings of Facts which recommended approval of the replacement of the terra cotta tile as described which will be 12” x 24”, approval of a 14 x 3 single face sign that will not be internally lit and the installation of the sign as described with anchors through the mortar joints and the replacement tile reconstructed with limestone. Seconded by Martha Burger-Farrellbegg. Voting was **all in favor**.

Sue Riley moved to approve COA 11-002 because these items meet the requirements of the Design Guidelines for both the tile replacement and signage. Seconded by Martha Burger-Farrellbegg. Voting was **all in favor**.

Adjournment: Connie Schrombeck moved to adjourn at 6:50 PM.

Ken Floyd, Chairman

Connie Schrombeck, Secretary