

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the
Aberdeen Historic Preservation Commission

June 17, 2013
Monday, 5:00 p.m.

Robert N. Page Municipal Building
Aberdeen, North Carolina

The Aberdeen Historic Preservation Commission met on Monday, June 17, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. for the Regular Meeting. Members present were Chairperson Dell Crumpton, Mike Lashley, Mollie Wilson, and Jon Ring. Others in attendance were Senior Planner Pamela Graham, Permit Technician Amy Fulp, Bob Nines, and Michael Bassett.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Dell Crumpton called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular scheduled meeting of May 20, 2013.

Mike Lashley made a motion, seconded by Jon Ring, to approve the minutes from the meeting of May 20, 2013. Motion unanimously carried.

3. New Business

All parties who would like to give evidence or testimony were sworn in before doing so.

a. Consideration of Certificate of Appropriateness COA #10-61 for new exterior business signage at 206 N. Sandhills Blvd.

Pam Graham stated Town and Country Antique's building was damaged by fire, primarily at the front entrance. This part did not come to the Historic Preservation because the building could not be secured in an emergency like this one. Our Building Inspector called it a matter of public health and safety so work began on the damage immediately.

Pam Graham stated the sign for Town and Country Antiques was also lost in the fire. Mr. Nines is here, along with Michael Bassett from Parish

Signs, to discuss his new sign. They are aware the replacement sign cannot be the same materials as the original sign.

Michael Bassett stated the sign they are proposing is all metal and is not internally illuminated. Mr. Nines stated the sign would be lit in the evenings.

Mr. Nines questioned why he could not use a sign that was back lit instead of using spotlights, because the original sign was back lit. Chairman Crumpton asked do they have a picture of the original sign. Pam Graham stated they do not have a picture of the original sign.

Michael Bassett stated they can fancy up the new sign and have a halo effect out of the back. It would stud mount off of the wall and the lights would put a halo effect off of the bricks.

Pam Graham stated going with metal eliminates the one section of the guidelines that refers to plastic and internally illuminated signs not being compatible.

Mr. Nines asked about glass letters, instead of plastic, and illuminate them from inside. Pam Graham stated they would still be getting into the internally illuminated. Michael Bassett asked about the difference in shining a goose neck on the sign and having the halo effect.

Mike Lashley stated he thinks the lettering is fine and where the building sets off of the road the sign needs to be distinctive. The only question he has is how to light the sign.

Chairperson Crumpton stated the guidelines say you can use ground level spot lights that are hidden from view. She asked if Michael Bassett would go through the proposed lighting again.

Michael Bassett stated the sign would be all metal faces and have a 2" return. They will pack the sign with LED's, stud mount it off of the wall, and at night it will glow off onto the brick.

Mr. Nines stated they would put the sign on a timer; it should come on at 5:00 p.m. and go off around midnight.

Chairperson Crumpton asked about the size of the letters. Pam Graham stated Historic Preservation Commission must give approval before zoning has a look at it.

Motion made by Mollie Wilson, seconded by Jon Ring, that the applicant's proposal is compatible with the historic aspects of the Aberdeen Historic District with respect to the following criteria:

- Placement
- Materials to be used for the letters are to be metal
- The letters are to be back lit with LED's with a halo effect

Motion unanimously carried.

4. Other Business

- a. Pam Graham updated the Historic Preservation with activities and new developments with the Historic District, including a restaurant proposal for the old Aberdeen Tire Building.

5. Adjourn

A motion was made by Mike Lashley, seconded by Mollie Wilson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Amy Fulp, Permit Technician
Minutes were completed in
Draft form on July 5, 2013

Dell Crumpton, Chairperson
Minutes were approved
on July 15, 2013