

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the
Aberdeen Historic Preservation Commission

December 16, 2013
Monday, 5:00 p.m.

Robert N. Page Municipal Building
Aberdeen, North Carolina

The Aberdeen Historic Preservation Commission met on Monday, December 16, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. for the Regular Meeting. Members present were Kam Hurst, Mollie Wilson, Ernestine Chapman, Mike Lashley, and Jon Ring. Others in attendance were Planning Director Pamela Graham, Permit Technician Amy Fulp, Planner Jane Tercheria, and Charles Toomer.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Kam Hurst called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular scheduled meetings of September 16, 2013 and October 21, 2013.

Mike Lashley made a motion, seconded by Jon Ring, to approve the minutes from the meetings of September 16, 2013 and October 21, 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 #10-68 for a painted window sign at 140 S. Sycamore Street.

Mr. Tommer stated he is native North Carolinian and was born in Jackson Springs. He has a sister that was touched by breast cancer; he and his partners are entering into a business where one of the things they are going to sell are wigs made out of human hair to benefit cancer patients.

Mr. Tommer stated the business name is Passilla's Hair Station & Electronics. Besides wigs they will also have electronics such as t.v.'s and blue-ray disc players.

Chairperson Hurst asked what the materials for the sign were going to be. Mr. Tommer stated he went with J Signs and Graphics and told them to

make sure to stay in compliance with the Town of Aberdeen ordinances. Planning Director Graham stated it will be similar to what Bryon used at the barber shop; painted or adhesive vinyl that can be removed.

Mollie Wilson asked if the picture is what the actual sign will look like and Mr. Tommer stated yes.

Jon Ring asked if the sign will take up the whole window. Mr. Tommer stated he told the sign company the sign has to comply and can only cover 25% of the window.

Planning Director Graham stated the Historic Preservation Commission's approval is contingent on meeting the zoning code. Mr. Tommer cannot get zoning code approval on the sign if it exceeds the 25%.

A motion was made by Mollie Wilson, seconded by Ernestine Chapman, that the applicant's proposal is compatible with the historic aspects of the Aberdeen Historic District with respect to the following criteria:

- Height
- Placement
- Materials to be used
- Architectural detailing
- Subject to the condition that it follows the signage of Aberdeen zoning

Motion unanimously carried.

4. Other Business

a. Design Guidelines Update project.

Planning Director Graham stated she wanted to briefly discuss where they are with the RFP submittals and making the selection. She would like to be able to notify the State Historic Preservation Office by tomorrow on who they selected.

Planning Director Graham stated there were favorable reviews and concerns on all four of the applicants. There was a review sheet for each that had scoring on it and this gave her a number as to how they were panning out.

Chairperson Hurst asked if any of the applicants went over budget. Planning Director Graham said none went over budget, two were right at the budget and two were below.

Planning Director Graham stated based on the numbers Taylor and Taylor really came up on top. Our grants coordinator with the State's Historic Preservation Office, Michelle McKay, has worked with Taylor and Taylor on some national register nominations and it was the closest they had ever come to not meeting their deadlines on it. With the Historic Preservation Commission being on such a short time line, Planning Director Graham stated she didn't think they could run the risk of that because they have to spend the money by August or they lose it.

Planning Director Graham stated with Arnett Muldrow coming in last and if we pull out Taylor and Taylor that leaves Thomason and Leimenstoll. Jo Leimenstoll is the one who did the guidelines that we are working with now. She does a very fine job but there is a lot of redundancy in her work and she uses a lot of copy and paste.

Planning Director Graham stated since Thomason & Associates seemed to be rising to the top, Planner Jane Tercheria took the time to contact a couple of the communities they had provided their work samples. The communities that were contacted gave very positive remarks almost across the board from the folks that run the front end of those projects there.

Chairperson Hurst commented on Thomason & Associates recording their presentation on t.v.. Recording our presentations could be an option and people could look it up on line if they missed the meeting.

Planning Director Graham stated she and Jane did make a recommendation that Thomason & Associates be selected as the consultant for this project, but in the end it should be the decision of the Historic Preservation Commission.

A motion was made by Mike Lashley, seconded by Mollie Wilson, to go with Thomason & Associates. Motion unanimously carried.

b. General Discussion

Mollie Wilson asked about Elise Goodwin's house that is falling down. Planning Director Graham stated Elise now knows that it cannot be restored. She is looking for someone who can take some of the architectural elements out of the house for her and then the rest of it will come down.

Chairperson Hurst asked about the mattress store on South Street that they approved the signage on. This store has been moved to Southern Pines and the Town ordinance says the first floor of the building has to be retail space, it cannot be storage space. Planning Director Graham stated it is on her list to send out a notice of violation letter.

Chairperson Hurst asked about the Artist League and their new door. Mollie Wilson stated one side of the door was to be stationary but it is not, they used a french type door where both sides open. Planning Director Graham stated she does not think this would violate the guidelines.

Chairperson Hurst asked should they stand up to this since it is not what they brought before the Board. Planning Director Graham stated they would have to go back and listen to the motion and exactly how it was made.

Mollie Wilson stated she doesn't see the double door as a problem; the only issue is it is not what they brought to us. Jon Ring suggested maybe it should just be a friendly conversation with the Artist League.

Jon Ring asked about the person who ran into Pat Ann's building. Planning Director Graham stated it was a lady who ran into the corner of the building. This becomes an emergency work matter because of the safety of the structure of the building and the staircase on the side where the car hit. They have to make the building safe for the public.

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 January 21, 2014

Kam Hurst, Chairperson
Minutes were approved
on January 27, 2014