

Minutes  
Regular Meeting of the  
Aberdeen Historic Preservation Commission

January 26, 2015  
Monday, 5:00 p.m.

Robert N. Page Municipal Building  
Aberdeen, North Carolina

The Aberdeen Historic Preservation Commission met on Monday, January 26, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. for their Regular Meeting. Members present were Ernestine Chapman, Jon Ring, Mike Ratkowski, and Dell Crumpton. Others in attendance were Planning Director Pamela Graham, Permit Technician Amy Fulp, Planner Jae Kim, Grant Roper, and Shelly Mullen.

1. Planning Director Graham called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ernestine Chapman, seconded by Dell Crumpton, to approve the minutes from the meetings of October 27, 2014 and November 24, 2014 as amended. Motion unanimously carried.

3. New Business

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

- a. Review of Certificate of Appropriateness COA #10-80 for the installation of a replacement freestanding sign at 129 Exchange Street. Applicant did not meet the conditions of earlier COA. Applicant seeking to propose changes on existing sign. (Work Completed)

Planning Director Graham and Planner Jae Kim gave a brief presentation on COA #10-80 for the installation of a replacement freestanding sign at 129 Exchange Street.

Grant Roper gave 5 photos to the HPC Board of signs within 2 blocks of the Artist's League with plastic posts. Mr. Roper stated he doesn't understand why there has to be metal inside because the outside of his sign looks like the others.

Mike Ratkowski stated if the plastic is strong enough to support the sign then can they just amend the application. Jon Ring stated the issue is the application says metal posts. Mr. Roper stated that was incorrect on their application.

Jon Ring stated the other issue he has is with the material and what effects the elements will have on it.

Dell Crumpton stated the Historic Preservation Commissions' job is to stick to the guidelines. They should think more of what is permitted in the guidelines.

Mike Ratkowski stated he would like to have it changed. Jon Ring stated he thinks there should be some compromise since the sign is fine but the posts are the issue.

Dell Crumpton asked Mr. Roper if he is opposed to changing to the wood posts and Mr. Roper said no, it will just be an added expense. Mike Ratkowski added that it should be replaced and then we won't have a problem going forward with anyone else.

Planning Director Graham stated she will talk with Rickie Monroe and Bill Zell concerning the Town's signs in the historic district that do not have wood posts.

Planning Director Graham asked Mr. Roper if he would like to amend his application to pressure treated wood for the posts. Mr. Roper stated he thinks that the two metal posts will work better. Planning Director Graham stated the original approval stands as is.

Planning Director Graham asked Mr. Roper to give her a call when the posts have been changed.

- b. Consideration of Certificate of Appropriateness COA #10-82 for signage at new business (freestanding and wall sign) at 301 North Poplar Street.

Planning Director Graham gave a brief presentation on COA #10-82 for signage at new business (freestanding and wall sign) at 301 North Poplar Street.

Jon Ring asked who makes the product and is it custom made. Shelly Mullen stated she is unsure who will make the sign but it will be double sided and it will take them a couple of weeks to make. Mike Ratkowski added the sign will be sandblasted on both sides but it is a plastic.

Dell Crumpton stated it has to be compatible material and this material presented is not. Mike Ratkowski said it looks like wood and he sees it as being a gray area.

Jon Ring stated the only thing he sees as room for error is the edges; he thinks this product is within the guidelines.

Motion made by Dell Crumpton, seconded by Jon Ring, that COA #10-52 is complete as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Other Business

a. Training Opportunities

Planning Director Graham talked about training opportunities for the HPC members.

b. Meeting Schedule

Planner Jae Kim talked to the HPC members about changing the date of their meeting. All members agreed to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m.

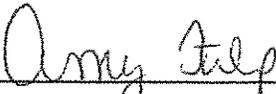
Motion made by Mike Ratkowski, seconded by Jon Ring, to have their meeting changed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m.

c. Election of Officers

Planner Jae Kim talked to the HPC members about the election of officers at their next meeting.

5. Adjourn

A motion was made by Dell Crumpton to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

  
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Amy Fulp, Permit Technician  
Minutes were completed in  
Draft form on February 23, 2015

  
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Mollie Wilson, Chairperson  
Minutes were approved on  
December 21, 2015