

Minutes  
Regular Meeting of the  
Aberdeen Historic Preservation Commission

December 21, 2015  
Monday, 4:30 p.m.

Robert N. Page Municipal Building  
Aberdeen, North Carolina

The Aberdeen Historic Preservation Commission met on Monday, December 21, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. for their Regular Meeting. Members present were Mollie Wilson, Ernestine Chapman, Jon Ring, Mike Ratkowski, and Dell Crumpton. Others in attendance were Community/Downtown Development Planner Daniel Martin, Permit Technician Amy Fulp, and Charlotte Williams.

1. Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jon Ring, seconded by Mike Ratkowski, to approve the minutes from the meeting of January 26, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mike Ratkowski, seconded by Jon Ring, to approve the minutes from the meeting of April 30, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mike Ratkowski, seconded by Jon Ring, to approve the minutes from the meeting of June 29, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Dell Crumpton, seconded by Jon Ring, to approve the minutes from the meeting of September 28, 2015. 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 #10-89 for signage at new business (wall signs) at 101 N. Poplar Street.

Community/Downtown Development Planner Daniel Martin gave an introduction to COA #10-89 for signage at new business (wall signs) at 101 N. Poplar Street.

Charlotte Williams gave a brief description of the signs she is proposing. Jon Ring asked if the dimensions are the same as the old "Plan B"

sign and Ms. Williams said it does not cover up the silver color but it goes within the black. Jon Ring asked if she is planning on painting the border and Ms. Williams said that she will probably just touch it up and do her sign within the border.

Jon Ring asked how the signs will be affixed to the building and Ms. Williams said with screws.

Dell Crumpton asked if aluminum sheeting is considered a metal and Ms. Williams said yes.

Dell Crumpton had concerns about the #7 guidelines stating the wall sign cannot be more than 12 square feet. Community/Downtown Development Planner Daniel Martin told the HPC Board that the size would be determined by staff in their process. Chairperson Wilson still had concerns with it since it is in the guidelines.

Community/Downtown Development Planner Daniel Martin asked the HPC Board did they have any problems with the signs colors and materials and Chairperson Wilson said she had no problem with the colors or materials.

Jon Ring asked was there a way for them to use their own judgement in applying the #7 guideline. Chairperson Wilson stated that it says in no case shall it exceed 12 square feet. Mike Ratkowski added that it says right above the guidelines "in most cases the Commission will apply the guidelines as follows". Mike Ratkowski asked what would be a circumstance that they would not apply the guidelines; could this COA be one of the cases.

Mike Ratkowski asked are the signs so big that they overwhelm the building. He asked where it says "in most cases the Commission will apply the guidelines as follows" does this not leave them room to use common sense.

Jon Ring stated they need to use the precedence that has been set, along with the guidelines, along with what was already there (at the store previously); especially for this building.

Jon Ring asked the applicant if she can take the same width of the double doors and make the sign 12 square feet. Ms. Williams asked if they wanted her to leave the front the same and make the sign 12 square feet in the back; Chairperson Wilson said yes and Ms. Williams said that is fine with her.

Motion made by Dell Crumpton, 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:

- Setback and placement
- Materials to be used (aluminum sheeting with vinyl graphics)
- The front size of the sign is 3 feet by 6 feet and that the rear be approved at 12 square feet
- Colors and design as submitted are approved

Motion unanimously carried.

#### 4. Other Business

##### a. Discussion on signage

Chairperson Wilson asked about the New Fellowship Church that put up a sign and did not get a permit. Community/Downtown Development Planner Daniel Martin will get with Planning Director Graham to get an update.

Dell Crumpton asked about the Town's plastic posts and the plastic posts at the Artist's League. Community/Downtown Development Planner Daniel Martin will follow up on this. Mike Ratkowski said he will ask Mr. Roper about the post at a meeting he will see him at on 10/22/15.

Chairperson Wilson asked about neon signs, one at the Mexican Restaurant, one at the Glory Hole, and another at the old rubber stamp building. Community/Downtown Development Planner Daniel Martin said that neon signs cannot blink, he passed around an article concerning neon signs.

Chairperson Wilson asked about the portable sign at the Legion Hut Building. Jon Ring said he thought it is left out all the time. Chairperson Wilson asked to find out what can be done about it; they can discuss it at the next meeting. Dell Crumpton asked is there a time frame that they can have it out.

##### b. Discussion on Aberdeen Library

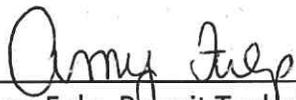
Chairperson Wilson said they want to tear down a historic house to put up the new Aberdeen Library. Jon Ring said all they can do is hold it up

for one year. Chairperson Wilson said the year would give them time to come up with an alternate plan.

Chairperson Wilson stated that being a member of the Historic Preservation Commission it is her duty to preserve as much as she can. Mike Ratkowski stated he would be for voting for the library over the house if the library could do something that had some historical relevance; such as a tribute or photos in the library of buildings downtown.

5. Adjourn

A motion was made by Ernestine Chapman, seconded by Dell Crumpton, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.



Amy Fulp, Permit Technician  
Minutes were completed in  
Draft form on January 15, 2015



Mollie Wilson, Chairperson  
Minutes were approved  
on February 15, 2015