

The following minutes are from the Historic Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, in the Abita Springs Town Hall. The meeting convened at 6:00 P.M.

Commission Vice Chairman Dinkelacker called the meeting to order. Commissioner Blitch led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners in attendance included Otto Dinkelacker, Ron Blitch, and Andre Monnot. Commission Chair Mancil arrived late. Paul Vogt was absent. Kristin Tortorich and Heather Hockman were also present.

Call For Agenda Modification

None.

Acceptance of Minutes

The Commission reviewed the draft minutes from the April 11, 2023, meeting. **Commissioner Blitch motioned to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2023, meeting as submitted. Commissioner Monnot seconded the motion. All voted in favor.**

Public Hearing

None.

Certificate of Appropriateness Lot 3A St. Charles Street

The application is to build a new house with a porte cochère and detached workshop. The Commissioners reviewed the drawings and went through the checklist.

Raised Slab: The first floor is to be 3' above grade. Fascia 3' above grade minimum. Crawlspace is not applicable. The siding is to be Hardie board. The roof will be an 8/12 pitch metal roof. The front porch is 8', which is just shy of the 2/3 width of the house requirement. Commissioners agreed that the 24' width is close enough to the 25' requirement based on the elevation presented being negatively impacted by the 25' requirement. The guidelines do not allow wood, so the chimney will need to be either brick or stove pipe. Applicants stated they'd like to make the chimney decision later. Steps will be made of brick with iron railings. The height will be under the 35' maximum. Window trim will be Hardie board. Columns will be round fiberglass columns. The applicant agreed the columns would be plain and not fluted. The doors will be made of wood, and the windows will have operable shutters. There will be gas lamps at the front of the house.

The accessory building will have the same materials to match the house.

The application noted they were seeking approval for a fence, but the fence will be applied for separately.

Commissioner Blitch motioned to approve the application with the notes to submit the fence application and chimney materials at a later date. Commissioner Monnot seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Assigned to Commissioner Blitch.

Certificate of Appropriateness 22099 Hwy 36, Suite 2

The application is to add a new sign for a new business, Mac Nutrition.

Kristin Tortorich noted that this sign would be taking the place of the Games Games Games sign.

Commissioner Blitch said the protocol for a building with multiple tenants is to keep the signs the same shape, size and location. The sign would be painted metal and would not have lighting. Commissioner Blitch said his only concern was the contemporary nature of the design. Mr. Blitch asked if there was anything that the applicant could do to make the sign less fluid or to calm down the colors. The applicants stated that is their logo and is going to be used on everything. Commissioner Dinkelacker suggested adding a border to fill out some of the empty space. Commissioners Monnot and Blitch suggested that the border may help.

Commissioners didn't want to edit the logo, so they tried to find a plan that would satisfy both the applicant and the Commission.

Commission Chair Mancil arrived and asked about the possibility of shortening the width of the sign.

Commissioner Monnot said he didn't think that shortening the sign would help with the contemporary vs. historic issue. Commissioner Dinkelacker mentioned the possibility of filling the empty space on the sides with

hours of operation or contact information. Discussion ensued over design and the Commission ultimately suggested blending a historic border with the applicants' contemporary logo design.

Commissioner Blitch motioned to approve subject to the comments about adding a border and final approval by e-mail. Commissioner Monnot seconded the motion. Assigned to Commissioner Mancil.

Certificate of Appropriateness 22180 Grover Street

The application is for door overhangs. The overhangs would be made with wood braces painted white and covered with shingles.

Commissioner Blitch motioned to approve the application subject to having 4"x4" wood brackets and shingles to match the house. Commissioner Dinkelacker seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Assigned to Commissioner Dinkelacker.

Certificate of Appropriateness 23050 Hwy 435

The application is for a new three car garage.

The garage would have white, carriage-style doors and a metal roof. Commissioner Blitch asked about the slope of the house roof and where the garage would be in relation to the house and the porch. The applicant stated the house faces Hwy 435 and the garage would be to the left of the house with the doors also facing Hwy 435. The applicant stated the garage would be set back behind the front wall of the house.

Commissioner Blitch motioned to approve the application as submitted. Commissioner Dinkelacker seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Assigned to Commissioner Blitch.

Certificate of Appropriateness 72126 Gum Street

The application is for two new garages and a new patio addition. Commissioner Dinkelacker confirmed there are no limitations to the number of accessory buildings, just the square footage requirements that must be met. Kristin Tortorich confirmed the application is within the square footage requirements. The applicants stated they want to use board and batten instead of siding and the garages will have unfinished attic space. Commissioner Blitch noted the plans are missing the beams to hold up the roof on the patio addition. The applicants stated they are ready to begin building the left garage, but the rest of the project is planned for some time in the future. **Commissioner Dinkelacker motioned to approve the project based on the resubmission of plans showing the details discussed. Commissioner Monnot seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Assigned to Commissioner Monnot.**

Certificate of Appropriateness 22266 Level Street

The application is to replace some existing fencing and add a section of 4' picket fence to the property. Commissioner Monnot presented this application and stated the back of the property already has a 6' picket fence, and he wants to add a 4' white picket fence sections to match the existing fence.

Commissioner Blitch motioned to approve the application as submitted. Commissioner Dinkelacker seconded the motion. All voted in favor, except for Commissioner Monnot, who abstained. Assigned to Thad Mancil.

DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

Commissioner Blitch motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Monnot seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Kristin M. Tortorich, Planning and Zoning

Date