

The following minutes are from the Historic Commission meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, in the Abita Springs Town Hall. The meeting convened at 6:00 P.M.

Commissioner Chairman Mancil called the meeting to order. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners in attendance included Thad Mancil, Otto Dinkelacker, and Ron Blitch. Commissioners Andre Monnot and Paul Vogt were absent. Kristin Tortorich and Heather Hockman were also present.

Call for Agenda Modification

Kristin Tortorich explained there was an application received on time, but was accidentally left off the agenda, and asked for the item to be added to the agenda.

Commissioner Blitch motioned to modify the agenda to add the application. Commissioner Dinkelacker seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Acceptance of Minutes

The Commission reviewed the minutes.

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

Certificate of Appropriateness 71476 St. Mary Street

The application is for a roof replacement with a metal, 5V crimp, mill finish roof. Discussion ensued over metal roof types and the Commissioners clearly explained what a 5V crimp is.

Commissioner Dinkelacker motioned to approve a 5V crimp roof. Commissioner Blitch seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Assigned to Commissioner Blitch.

Certificate of Appropriateness 22201 Level Street

The application is for painting carport, adding gutters, fence relocation, adding gas lanterns, and changes to the previously approved ancillary building. The carport shed would be painted red to match the front door. The electric wall sconces on the porch (3) would be changed to gas lanterns and there would be two gas lanterns added to the ancillary building that is currently under construction. The transom windows in the application are being abandoned due to the lack of availability in the timeframe for the build. Gutters would be added where needed to improve drainage. The homeowner elaborated that they would be placed on the front and back of both the main house and the ancillary structure. The Commissioners mentioned they will likely need to be on all 4 sides. Commissioners asked for gutter details. The homeowner said they would be a square aluminum duct and the same color as the fascia trim. An elliptical arched window would be added to the back of the building. The building would be repainted the existing colors.

Commissioner Blitch thanked the homeowner for a such a complete application and motioned to approve the application as submitted.

The fence was missed in the initial review, so fence discussion began. The homeowner said the fence would be relocated to the property line on the left side of the carport. Kristin Tortorich stated the homeowner was aware 3 inches between pickets is the requirement for the Historic Guidelines. Commissioners made sure the homeowner was aware that the 1/3 rule for the increased fence height is from the front of the house, not the carport shed. Commissioner Blitch asked for the fence to be

approved via e-mail once the homeowner has the details on what the fence will look like at both the front pickets and the 6' section near the rear of the property on the left property line.

Commissioner Blicht modified his motion to approve the application with the fence portion being submitted via e-mail. Commissioner Dinkelacker seconded the modified motion. All voted in favor. Commissioner Blicht remains assigned to this project.

Certificate of Appropriateness 22027 7th Street

Commission Chairman Thad Mancil noted this applicant previously received an emergency authorization via e-mail for window replacement to secure the building after a break-in. The homeowner stated the windows are complete and the house is secure. The application is for multiple items, however the only items with supporting documentation are for a change in siding and paint colors. The homeowner would like to install a board and batten with woodgrain finish design. The dark green paint color would be in the eaves, moss color on the paneling, and the window trim would be a creamy white. Color samples were provided with the application. The existing 8'x4' lean-to type shed would be torn down and replaced. Discussion ensued over the board and batten design and the homeowner's plan, as well as the material, pre-engineered wood paneling that the homeowner planned to use to apply over the existing siding. The Commissioners stated their concern for water damage that could occur if the windows and trim end up recessed due to the application of the board and batten-type siding over the existing siding. Commission Chair Mancil said the Commission didn't want to reject her application, but felt they needed more information. Commissioner Blicht suggested doing a sample next to a window to see what the siding would look like and to see the materials in person. The homeowner agreed to do a mock-up.

Commissioner Dinkelacker motioned to approve the paint colors and motioned to approve the siding based on site approval of the mock-up. Commissioner Blicht seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Assigned to Commissioner Mancil.

Certificate of Appropriateness 22160 Grover Street

The application is to replace windows. The homeowner stated they would be 2 over 1 and vinyl. The Commissioners stated having the muntins outside of the glass would look better, however it is not required.

Commissioner Dinkelacker motioned to approve the application. Commissioner Blicht seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Commissioner Mancil is assigned.

Certificate of Appropriateness 22069 Hwy 59

The application was for a roof coating for repair at Artigue's. No representative was present. Kristin Tortorich explained the insurance company will not reinsure the roof unless it is repaired and resealed. Commissioner Chair Mancil said he saw it being done prior to the meeting. Commissioner Blicht asked about the color and Commissioner Dinkelacker asked if it was the whole roof being done. Kristin Tortorich confirmed it is the whole roof being covered with a mopped-on coating and Commission Chairman Mancil confirmed it is a white-gray color.

Commissioner Blicht motioned to approve the application. Commissioner Dinkelacker seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Staff Report 22306 Level Street

The application is for paint approval for siding replacement. The applicant received approval for replacement of vinyl siding to Hardie board via e-mail due to a violation correction. The applicant submitted paint color for approval at this meeting. The color is a light yellow which matches the vinyl that was removed. Sample provided with the application.

Commissioner Blich motioned to approve the color. Commissioner Dinkelacker seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

DISCUSSION/PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**Public Awareness Campaign**

The Commissioners positively remarked on the Live Oak Journal page that showed details about the Historic Commission with a QR code linking to the website for more information. Kristin Tortorich said it goes into the magazine at least once a year. Commissioners Mancil and Blich asked if we could get the information to flash on the website from time to time and to even add it to the Historic Commission page on the website.

Commissioner Blich asked if the Certificate of Appropriateness/Historic Review process for completed projects was still working well. Kristin Tortorich said the Commissioners were responsive and doing great.

Commissioner Dinkelacker motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Blich seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 P.M.

Kristin M. Tortorich, Planning and Zoning

Date