

The following are minutes from the Historic Commission meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 2024, in Abita Springs Town Hall. The meeting convened at 6:07 PM.

Commissioner Dinkelacker called the meeting to order, and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners in attendance included Paul Vogt, Ron Blitch, Otto Dinkelacker, and Alissa Whitney. Commissioner Andre Monnot was absent. Kristin Tortorich and Mark Fancey were also present.

AGENDA MODIFICATION

There were no modifications to the agenda.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The Commission reviewed the draft minutes from the October 8, 2024, meeting as submitted.

Commissioner Whitney motioned to accept the minutes of the October 8, 2024, meeting. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. All commissioners were in favor.

CONSIDER CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS 71156 Bryan Street

The application is to construct a detached shed at the corner of Bryan Street and Walker Street behind the existing home. Commissioner Blitch noted the site plan did not show setbacks from existing property lines.

Commissioner Blitch motioned to approve subject to confirming building setbacks. Commissioner Whitney seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Commissioner Monnot is assigned.

CONSIDER CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS 22106 7th Street

The application is to add a screened porch/deck at the rear of an existing home.

Discussion ensued regarding design ideas related to the roof pitch and tying into the existing roof line. Commissioner Dinkelacker made some edits to the existing drawings and provided to the applicant. He said the main issue is how the roof of the porch/deck interacts with the house.

Commissioner Blitch motioned to conditionally approve the concept subject to assistance and review from the Commission. The revised design would be circulated to the Commission for approval. Commissioner Whitney seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Commissioner Dinkelacker is assigned.

CONSIDER CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS Corner of Hwy 36 and Hwy 59 – new sign. The applicant is proposing a billboard sign to advertise an off-site winery and wedding venue.

Commissioner Blitch said that billboards are not allowed in the Historic District. He said the applicant can re-submit to the Commission an application in accordance with the Historic Design Guidelines.

Discussion ensued with Town Councilor Stephen Saussy regarding billboards. Billboards are allowed in the Commercial District but not listed as a sign option in the Historic Design Guidelines. Commissioner Dinkelacker said the Historic District standards take precedence. Kristin Tortorich said that this issue would be discussed with the Planning and Zoning Commission next week.

Commissioner Blitch motioned to reject the request as the Historic District does not allow billboards. The applicant can re-submit a request that conforms to the Historic Design Guidelines. Commissioner Dinkelacker seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Blitch motioned that the Historic Commission requests that the Planning and Zoning Commission remove billboards as a permitted use in the Zoning Ordinance. Commissioner Whitney seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

DISCUSSION

Dylan Sicard, 22251 Leemans Road, would like to build a residence and asked a number of questions regarding the Historic Design Guidelines. Questions included elevating a residence, siding options, windows, and roof materials and slope. The Commission provided direction regarding historic design standards.

OPEN COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

No comments or announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Blitch motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Kristin M. Tortorich, Planning & Zoning Director

Date