

NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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**MINUTES
NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
October 13, 2022
506 Main Street
North Little Rock, AR
5:30 P.M.**

Commission Members Present:

**Tom Marr
Charlie Hart
Susan Markman
Mason Toms**

Others Present:

**Sandra Taylor Smith, Director
Kelli Peters, Staff
Bob Markman
Lauren Frederick, Haybar Prop.
Peter Loibner, Blackberry Mkt.
Jeremy Ables, ACT II**

Commission Members Absent:

Debra Roberts

Commission Chairman Tom Marr called the meeting of the North Little Rock Historic District Commission on October 13, 2022 to order at 5:30 P.M. and quorum was established. Chairman Marr welcomed guests and asked them to introduce themselves.

CORRECTION AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Mr. Marr asked if Commissioners had read the minutes of the August, 2022 Historic District Commission meeting (no meeting was held in September 2022). Susan Markman moved to approve the minutes of the August 2022 HDC meeting as written. Mason Toms seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0 in roll call vote.

New Business:

A. 315A Main- Signage

Peter Loibner, owner of Blackberry Market was present to represent his application to install a sign on the front south one-half of the Manees Building at 315 Main Street and painted on concrete block sign at the back (west) door. Mock ups of signs for 315A Main and 315B Main were shown to Commissioners. Charlie Hart asked about materials and size of lettering and told the applicant that lettering cannot be over 18 inches tall. A motion by Susan Markman to approve the sign at the lower level (just above the storefront) and rear

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painted sign was seconded by Charlie Hart and approved 4-0 in roll call vote.

B. 315B Main- Signage

Jeremy Ables was present to represent ACT II in their application for signage. Commissioners again looked at the mock-up of sign locations. It was pointed out that the blade sign would not be allowed by Planning as it would be a second sign for the same business. Mason Toms moved to approve the presented sign design at the lower level, but to remove the blade sign from the application. Susan Markman seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0 in roll call vote.

C. 800 Main- Signage

Lauren Frederick with Haybar Properties was present to represent the application. The former North Little Rock Electric Company building at 800 Main has been sold and the new owner has installed signs for text-to-pay parking in the parking lot to the south of the building. Signage has already been installed and the North Little Rock Planning Commission approved the signage on October 11, 2022.

On a motion by Charlie Hart to approve the signage in the parking lot at 800 Main and a second by Susan Markman, the Commission approved the application 4-0 in roll call vote.

D. Review of nomination to the National Register of Historic Places of the E. Fay Jones pavilion at Laman Plaza.

Mason Toms presented the nomination to the Commission. Mr. Toms wrote the nomination and went over the significance of the gazebo.

Charlie Hart moved to recommend the nomination of the Laman Plaza Gazebo. Susan Markman seconded the motion and it was approved 3-0 in roll call vote with Mason Toms recusing.

Comments/Discussion:

Sandra Smith said the City Attorney sent a letter to Henry Coleman, owner of 311 W. 7th Street in August giving him ninety days to make repairs to the house. No one has heard anything from him and the ninety days will come up in late November.

Charlie Hart said 100 Melrose Divide has been sold and he would like to drop off information concerning the Historic District Commission to the realtor who sold it. Mr. Hart also requested that staff gather all information on the house at 108 Melrose Divide regarding the window replacement situation.

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After determining there was no further business to discuss, Mason Toms moved to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Susan Markman. Meeting was adjourned at 6:27 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director