

NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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**MINUTES
NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
May 13, 2021
506 Main Street
North Little Rock, AR
5:30 P.M.**

Commission Members Present:

**Tom Marr
Charlie Hart
Ken Davenport
Susan Markman
Debra Roberts**

Commission Members Absent:

Mason Toms

Others Present:

**Sandra Taylor Smith, Director
Andres Rhodes
Allison Rhodes
Joe Procop, Rock Region
Kate East, AMR Architects
Latisha Young
Vanessa Russell
Ben Schimelfening
Bob Markman**

Commission Chairman Tom Marr called the meeting of the North Little Rock Historic District Commission on May 13, 2021 to order at 5:30 P.M., and a quorum was established. Commissioner Mason Toms had an excused absence. Mr. Marr welcomed guests. (All Commission members, guests, and staff participated in the meeting electronically.)

CORRECTION AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Mr. Marr asked if Commissioners had read the minutes of the April 8, 2021 Historic District Commission meeting. Debra Roberts moved to approve the minutes of the April 2021 HDC meeting as written. Susan Markman seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0 in roll call vote.

Old Business:

A. 518 Willow Street- Install 8 X 10ft. wood storage building in back yard

Property owner Vanessa Russell represented the application for installation of a wood storage shed in the back yard of the house at 518 Willow Street. The item was deferred from the April meeting as there was no one present to represent the application. The proposed storage building will be of wood construction with a shingle roof and wood door. Debra Roberts made a motion to approve the placement of an 8 X 10ft. wood storage building with asphalt shingle roof and wood door. Ken Davenport seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0 in roll call vote.

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New Business:

A. 506 W. 5th Street- Replace non-original siding on back porch walls; remove metal siding and jalousie windows on south wall and install brick on south wall

Property owners Andres and Allison Rhodes represented the application. Mr. Rhodes referred Commissioners to the attachments sent with the application. He explained that the back wall which is covered in aluminum siding and contains jalousie windows was an addition to the house. Inside the addition are original brick walls. He plans to pull the original brick out of the inside and install on the back exterior wall and eliminate the jalousie windows. The small porch leading to the back door is not original to the house. It will be repaired and a wood-frame window with fixed panes will be installed on the wall next to the door.

In public comment, Bob Markman stated as an adjacent neighbor, he thinks the proposed work on the back of the house at 506 W. 5th Street is in keeping with the character of the house.

Ken Davenport moved to approve the application as it is appropriate to the historic character of the house in utilizing original brick and installing a wood-frame window. Debra Roberts seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0 in roll call vote.

B. 406-409 W. 4th Street- Construct rooftop balconies on the front elevation of townhomes; install 6ft. wood privacy fencing in back; construct patio coverings with shed roof in back of townhomes.

The property owner was not present on Zoom to represent the application. Susan Markman moved to table the application until the next meeting. Charlie Hart seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0 in roll call vote.

C. 323 W. 7th Street- Replace existing windows with double-hung wood windows

Latisha Young, who is purchasing the house, was present to represent the application. She told Commissioners that the windows on the house are a mixture of aluminum and wood double-hung. Her loan company is requiring her to replace the windows. Commissioners discussed the spec sheet provided for the replacement windows. They are Pella wood windows, but the spec sheet indicates there will be aluminum wrap on the outside. Commissioners made it clear that the windows should have no aluminum cladding. Ms. Young said she understood and will make sure there is no cladding.

Debra Roberts moved to approve replacement of windows with one-over-one double-hung wood windows with no cladding or screens and that existing wood windows be repaired rather than replaced if feasible. Charlie Hart seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0 in roll call vote.

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D. Lot SW corner W. 9th and Maple Street- Pave lot with asphalt; install barrier arm entry, sidewalk improvements; construct small pavilion; construct bike repair station with bike racks; install steel framing for art wall.

Rock Region representative Joe Procop and architect Kate East were in attendance to present the application. It was explained that Rock Region needs more parking for their facility across W. 9th Street and are paving the lot and want to add improvements. Kate East went over the details on the pavilion, bike repair station and racks and steel framing for an art wall.

Debra Roberts moved to approve the application for development of the lot as submitted providing that in addition all city landscaping requirements be met. Susan Markman seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0 in roll call vote.

Staff Report:

Sandra Smith told Commissioners the History Commission has hired a design/exhibit firm, Taylor Studios, Inc. to implement the plan for permanent exhibits in the front of the downstairs at 506 Main Street. The proposed plans will showcase the city's history from when it was swampland, Trail of Tears association with the area, development of the railroad and neighborhoods. There will be a number of interactive items in the exhibit. Ms. Smith said construction will likely not begin before the end of 2021. The exhibit is planned to open in May or June 2022.

After determining there was no further business to discuss, Debra Roberts moved to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Ken Davenport. Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director