

NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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**MINUTES
NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORIC
March 12, 2020
506 Main Street
North Little Rock, AR
5:30 P.M.**

Commission Members Present:

**Tom Marr
Ross Maestas
Ken Davenport
Charlie Hart
Susan Markman
Mason Toms**

Others Present:

**Sandra Taylor Smith, Director
Cary Bradburn, Historian
Bob Markman
Angel Harrison
John Gaudin**

Commission Members Absent:

Debra Roberts

Chairman Tom Marr called the North Little Rock Historic District Commission meeting of March 12, 2020 to order at 5:30 P.M. and a quorum was established. Commissioner Debra Roberts had an excused absence. Mr. Marr welcomed guests and asked them to introduce themselves.

CORRECTION AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Chairman Marr asked if Commissioners had read the minutes of the January 9, 2020 Historic District Commission meeting. Susan Markman moved to approve the minutes of the January 2020 HDC meeting as written. Charlie Hart seconded the motion and it was approved 6-0 in roll call vote.

New Business:

A. 419 Main Street- Insall sign above storefront

Angel Harrison, owner of Argenta Nutrition was present to represent the application for installation of a lighted sign above the storefront of 419 Main Street. Sandra Smith referred Commissioners to the staff report which quoted design guidelines saying internally lit signs may be appropriate for commercial properties. Chairman Marr called for public comment and John Gaudin stated he likes the look of the proposed sign.

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On a motion by Mason Toms to approve a sign over the storefront of 419 Main Street as submitted and second by Susan Markman, the item was approved 6-0 in roll call vote.

B. 314 Maple Street- Paint mural on south wall of building

John Gaudin, organizer of the project to paint murals in Argenta, was present with approval of the owner of the building to represent the application. Mr. Gaudin said the artist is Robin Tucker, who is known for his realist art.

Tom Marr pointed out that the brick on the south wall of the building needs tuckpointing and that is expensive. Mr. Marr called for public comment and there was none.

Ross Maestas made a motion to approve the mural design submitted to be painted on the south wall of the building at 314 Maple Street. Mason Toms seconded the motion and it was approved 6-0 in roll call vote.

C. 317 Main Street- Paint mural on west wall of building

John Gaudin was present to represent the application. Mr. Gaudin said the mural design is by P. Hurd, who is known for his pattern designs. Ross Maestas said he heard a story on the artist on KUAR where he was called an “outstanding artist”. Tom Marr said the mural will likely fade as it is on the west wall which receives full sun. Mr. Gaudin said there is an artist agreement to maintain all art in the district. There was no public comment. A motion to approve the application was made by Ken Davenport and seconded by Susan Markman. The motion as approved 6-0 in roll call vote.

D. W. 4th Street brick wall at City Grove- Paint two murals on wall

John Gaudin was present to represent the application and the City Grove Property Owners Association. Commissioners discussed that the wall is not painted brick, but also is not historic. There are two “brick-framed” panels in the wall and that is the proposed location of the two murals. It was discussed that the murals could be painted on a removable surface and then attached to the wall.

Mr. Gaudin said ultimately there will be 10 to 15 murals in the downtown area.

Susan Markman moved to approve painting murals on panels which could be attached to the brick wall. Mason Toms seconded the motion and it was approved 6-0 in roll call vote.

Staff Report

Sandra Smith said the vinyl windows at 116 Melrose Divide have not been replaced with wood windows. She said she will be contacting the City Attorney’s office concerning this. Ms. Smith also mentioned how well the renovation of 116 Melrose Circle turned out.

She said it is time to do another mailing of the Argenta Historic District brochure. Commissioners discussed that there are a number of new property owners in the district.

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After determining there was no further business to discuss, Susan Markman moved to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Ken Davenport. Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director