

NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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**MINUTES
NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORIC
June 11, 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
Debra Roberts
Mason Toms**

Others Present:

**Sandra Taylor Smith, Director
Robert Birch, Zoom Host
John Gaudin
Bob Markman**

Commission Members Absent:

none

Chairman Tom Marr called the meeting of the North Little Rock Historic District of June 11, 2020 to order at 5:30 P.M. and a quorum was established with all Commissioners present. Mr. Marr welcomed guests and asked them to introduce themselves. (Note: All Commission members, guests, and staff participated in the meeting electronically)

CORRECTION AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Chairman Marr asked if Commissioners had read the minutes of the May 14, 2020 Historic District Commission meeting. Charlie Hart moved to approve the minutes of the May 2020 HDC meeting as written. Mason Toms seconded the motion and it was approved 7-0 in roll call vote.

New Business:

A. 400 Main Street- Paint Mural on South Wall of Building

John Gaudin was present to represent the application. It was noted that Dr. Phil Jaros, property owner, had signed the application.

Commissioner Susan Markman said she likes the concept of the proposed mural, but the dogs' expressions are not friendly. She suggested the dogs be painted to look happier.

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Mr. Gaudin said he will get a revised drawing in color. He said the artist is Kevin Kresse, who grew up in North Little Rock and made the "Mother Earth" fountain on W. 5th Street. There was discussion about using "dogtown" and that may change. Charlie Hart asked if the letters will be taller than 18" which is the maximum size for letters in signage. All agreed that the letters are likely taller than 18", but it is not signage. Mr. Hart also asked if the second story windows on the building could be repaired.

Mr. Gaudin said there will be a five year easement on the art installations.

Chairman Marr asked for public comment. Guest Bob Markman said he thinks it is a great mural.

Debra Roberts made a motion that the mural be approved basically as it was submitted with a possible change from the word Dogtown, but the dogs be less ferocious and Sandra Smith will distribute a new version to all Commissioners once received by Mr. Gaudin. Susan Markman seconded the motion and it was approved 7-0 in roll call vote.

B. 701 Main Street- Paint Mural on South Wall

John Gaudin referred Commissioners to the proposed mural design for the south wall of 701 Main Street. The application for COA was signed by Ellie Roy, property owner. Mr. Gaudin said it was also drawn by artist Kevin Kresse. Mr. Gaudin said it is an image of bicycle riders coming off the Big Dam Bridge. He said one of the riders will be changed to be a person of color. Commissioners discussed the sky over the window on the east of this elevation. Ross Maestas said it looked choppy to not extend the sky across the top of the elevation. Mason Toms said he thought the sky looked fine in the drawing not extending over the window.

Chairman Marr called for public comment and there was none. Debra Roberts moved to approve the mural on the south wall of the building at 701 Main Street as presented. Mason Toms seconded the motion and it was approved 7-0 in roll call vote.

After determining there was no further business to discuss, Mason Toms moved to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Ken Davenport. Meeting was adjourned at 6:12 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director