

NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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

Commission Members Present:

**Debra Roberts
Ross Maestas
Ken Davenport
Charlie Hart
Susan Markman
Mason Toms**

Others Present:

**Sandra Taylor Smith, Director
Robert Birch, City of NLR; Zoom Host
Levon Parker
Sarah Parker
Bonnie Parker
Kristen Graham**

Commission Members Absent:

Tom Marr

Commission Vice-Chair, Debra Roberts called the meeting of the North Little Rock Historic District of November 12, 2020 to order at 5:30 P.M. and a quorum was established. Tom Marr had an excused absence. Ms. Roberts 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

Debra Roberts asked if Commissioners had read the minutes of the September 10, 2020 Historic District Commission meeting. Ross Maestas moved to approve the minutes of the September 2020 HDC meeting as written. Susan Markman seconded the motion and it was approved 6-0 in roll call vote.

New Business:

A. 303-305 W. 5th Street- Remove window on north elevation (rear) and install wood French doors; remove east and west elevation doors; remove two non-functional chimneys

Property owners Bonnie Parker, Levon Parker and Sarah Parker were in attendance to represent the application for renovations to the house at 303-305 W. 5th Street. The house was constructed as a duplex, but interiors are being renovated for a single family home.

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The application called for changing a non-original window on the north (rear) elevation of the house to wood French doors, removal of east and west elevation doors and removal of two non-functional chimneys. The Parkers stated that they will be required to install a 42" railing on the front porch and steps. They also would like to replace a metal window not original to the house on the east front.

Commissioners discussed the application items and determined that the side doors are a part of the original house and should not be removed. They also stated that the two non-functional chimneys add character to the house and should not be removed as they are prominent features. Public comment was called for and there was none.

Mason Toms moved to approve the French doors on the north elevation, railings on the front porch and steps, and to replace a non-original window on the east front of the house with a wood window that matches the original windows. The motion also denied removal of side doors and non-functional chimneys. Susan Markman seconded the motion and it was approved 6-0 in roll call vote.

B. SE Corner W. 4^h and Maple Street- Replace light pole with similar decorative light pole and install 5G cell at top

Kristen Graham, with Verizon Wireless, was present to represent the application and answer questions. Ms. Graham addressed the Commission saying she worked on the four previous poles with 5G in the downtown. She said this application is for one pole replacement only. As with the other poles, the new pole will be similar in appearance to the existing light pole with the same light fixtures and cell at the top. She said the estimated usage period for the pole is three to five years.

Susan Markman commented that new technology is increasingly being incorporated in existing neighborhoods. She said the proposed new light poles still maintain lighting at a pedestrian scale.

Public comment was opened and there was none. Ross Maestas made a motion to approve the installation of a small cell on a light pole, "Argenta 13" as presented and shown in photographs, maps and drawings provided by the Verizon Wireless application. The application was approved 6-0 in roll call vote.

Other Business:

Sandra Smith told Commissioners that because North Little Rock is a Certified Local Government city, the Historic District Commission reviews all nominations to the National Register and Arkansas Register. The recommendations are then forwarded to the AR Historic Preservation Program National Register staff who presents the North Little Rock Historic District Commission's recommendations to the AR State Review Board where the nominations are voted on before being sent to the National Park Service for review and

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listing.

A. Review of nomination of the Walter Vestal House to the National Register of Historic Places.

Sandra Smith referred Commissioners to photographs and the nomination of the Vestal House, located at 331 Goshen Avenue. She said it is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places for its significance in association with Walter Vestal and the Vestal Florist Company and for its two-story Tudor Revival style. The house was constructed by the Justin Matthews Company c. 1927. Sandra Smith asked for Commissioners to vote yea or nay on the nomination. In roll call vote, the nomination was recommended 5-0 with one recusal.

B. Review of nomination of the Irvin and Elizabeth Daniel House to the National Register of Historic Places.

Sandra Smith referred Commissioners to photographs and the nomination of the Irvin and Elizabeth Daniel House, located at 1622 Waterside Drive. Completed in 1965, the house is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places for its architectural significance as an outstanding example of post-World War II Frank Lloyd Wright inspired American Modernism. In roll call vote, the nomination of the Irvin and Elizabeth Daniel House was recommended 5-0 with one recusal.

C. Review of nomination of the Locust Street Overpass to the National Register of Historic Places

Commissioners were referred to the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places and to photographs of the Locust Street Overpass, located between S. A. Jones Drive and East 13th Street. The bridge was constructed 1936-1937 by bridge builder Fred Luttjohann to carry Locust Street over the former Missouri Pacific railroad line. It is being nominated with significance in its associations with the efforts during the 1920s and 1930s to provide updated highway infrastructure around the state and provide safe and updated grade crossing separation to help eliminate accidents between cars and trains at grade crossings. In roll call vote, the nomination of the Locust Street Overpass was recommended 4-0 with two recusals.

D. Review of nomination of the Robert and Marian Millett House #1 to the Arkansas Register of Historic Places

The Robert and Marion Millett House No. 1, located at 1708 Waterside Drive is being nominated to the Arkansas Register of Historic Places for its late International Style of architecture. Designed by architect, Robert Millett and completed in 1952, it is one of only two known residential examples of the International Style in North Little Rock. Mason Toms said the AR State Review Board will be asked to nominate the house to the National Register of Historic Places. The Arkansas Register nomination has been prepared because some of the staff at the AR Historic Preservation Program thought an addition constructed

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in 2017 to the rear of the house diminished its architectural significance. Commissioners recommended the nomination of the Robert and Marian Millet House to the Arkansas Register of Historic Places 5-0 in roll call vote with one recusal.

After determining there was no further business to discuss, Mason Toms moved to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Debra Roberts. Meeting was adjourned at 6:36 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director