

NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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**MINUTES
NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING
July 11, 2019
506 Main Street
North Little Rock, AR
5:30 P.M.**

Commission Members Present:

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

Others Present:

**Sandra Taylor Smith, Director
Cary Bradburn, Historian
John Gaudin
Bob Markman
Ed Gough
Shelly Gough
Kamiya King
Dutch King**

Chairman Tom Marr called the North Little Rock Historic District Commission meeting of July 11, 2019 to order at 5:30 P.M. and a quorum was established. 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 June 13, 2019 Historic District Commission meeting. Debra Roberts moved to approve the minutes of the June 2019 HDC meeting. Mason Toms seconded the motion and it was approved 7-0 in roll call vote.

New Business:

A. 413 Main Street- Courtyard in back (west) of building

John Gaudin, owner of the building was present to discuss the proposed courtyard. He referred to the drawing of the courtyard as a New Orleans style with pavers, plants and trees. The plan showed an 8ft. masonry wall to be constructed on the north side and to be shared with the adjacent business. The alley side of the courtyard will feature a wood fence with a wood gate. It will step back 8ft. from the alley. Susan Markman commented that courtyards are becoming very popular in the district. Charlie Hart said he hope this one will

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be a showplace. In public comment it was stated that the proposed courtyard will be an improvement to its current appearance.

Susan Markman made a motion to approve the courtyard plan as presented. Debra Roberts seconded the motion and it was approved 6-0 with Ken Davenport recusing from vote.

B. 401 W. 5th Street- Remove existing rear addition; construct new rear addition

Property owners Ed and Shelly Gough were present to represent the application. Photos were shown of the house and the current rear addition on the house. Sandra Smith said this house was renovated by the Argenta Community Development Corporation in 1995. The rear room was originally a small porch that has been enclosed. Ed Gough said they would like to demolish the existing room and rebuild with a slightly larger footprint to allow the addition of a bathroom in the space. He said they will match the roof shape of the main house (clipped gable) on the addition and will try to match the brick as much as possible. Commissioners urged Mr. Gough to use the existing wood window. The door is metal and will be replaced with a wood door. Public comment was called for but there was none.

Ken Davenport moved to approve the proposed addition which extends four feet from the footprint of the existing addition, and to cover the addition with a clipped gable roof and reuse the wood window. Susan Markman seconded the motion and it was approved 7-0 in roll call vote.

C. 605 Willow- Paint exterior brick walls; constructed wood fence around back yard

Property owners Dutch and Kamiya King were present to represent their application. Sandra Smith showed slides of the house and said it was renovated by the Argenta Community Development Corporation in the mid-1990s. Ms. Smith pointed out that sometime in the last two years the brick piers on either side of the front steps and brick window sills have been painted grey.

Dutch King told Commissioners that they want to whitewash the brick instead of painting it. Tom Marr commented that whitewashing is painting. Mr. King said he contacted Ralph Wilcox at the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program who told him it would not affect the contributing status of the house if it were painted. Mr. King pointed out drips of the grey paint on the brick and how they do not think the brick is attractive with its dark mortar. Mason Toms said that tinted mortar was more expensive when the house was built and it was an indication the builder was well off. Mr. Marr said there are chemical strippers available to help remove paint splatters from brick and advised them to contact Brian Driscoll with the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program. Mr. King then said they would like to cover the stucco gable ends with wood board, but he was told the stucco should stay and be painted. After further discussion, Mr. King withdrew his request to paint the exterior brick. Debra Roberts moved to withdraw painting of the brick from the submitted

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application. Ken Davenport seconded the motion and it was approved 7-0 in roll call vote. Debra Roberts moved to approve wood fencing around the back yard at 605 Willow. Ken Davenport seconded the motion and it was approved 7-0 in roll call vote.

Staff Report

Sandra Smith said there will be an application submitted for the August 8, 2019 Historic District Commission meeting by Verizon Wireless to install four 35ft. poles on Main Street with 5G small cell boxes. Tom Marr said Section 106 review will could require mitigation of installation in the historic district. Ms. Smith said Verizon is holding a public hearing about the proposed project on August 1, 2019 from 4 to 6 P.M. at 506 Main Street.

After determining there was no further business to discuss, Charley Hart moved to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Mason Toms. Meeting was adjourned at 6:08 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Taylor Smith, Director