

NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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**MINUTES
NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING
July 12, 2018
506 Main Street
North Little Rock, AR
5:30 P.M.**

Commission Members Present:

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

Others Present:

**Sandra Taylor Smith, Director
Cary Bradburn, Staff
Colin Gorman
Patrick Stair**

Commission Members Absent:

**Susan Markman
Mason Toms**

Chairman Tom Marr called the North Little Rock Historic District Commission meeting of July 12, 2018 to order at 5:30 P.M. and a quorum was established. Commissioners Susan Markman and Mason Toms had excused absences.

CORRECTION AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Chairman Marr asked if Commissioners had read the minutes of the May 10, 2018 Historic District Commission meeting. Debra Roberts moved to approve the minutes of the May 2018 HDC meeting. Charlie Hart seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0 in roll call vote.

New Business:

A. 611 Main Street-Replace wood windows on original 1955 building

Colin Gorman with EGP, LLC was present to represent the firm's application to replace the original wood windows on the 1955 building. Sandra Smith showed slides of newspaper articles announcing the construction of the First Federal Savings and Loan building at 611 Main Street in 1955. Ms. Smith said the design of the building was used in all of First Federal Savings and Loan construction. The building was purchased by EGP, LLC in the 1980s and a two-story addition was added to the back of the building in 1989. Because of the addition, the AR Historic Preservation Program considers the property non-contributing in the Argenta Historic District. The application calls for replacement of the double-hung wood windows on the east, north and south elevations of the original building with Pella

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windows that will match the appearance of the existing windows. Tom Marr noted that the proposed windows are aluminum-clad wood windows.

Charlie Hart said it is typical that original windows in the Argenta Historic District are repaired, not replaced. Mr. Gorman said the wood windows are rotted in places. He also said that they would like to replace windows in the rear two-story addition. Sandra Smith said an application for that project needs to be submitted before it can be reviewed by the Commission.

After discussion, Debra Roberts said she would be willing to wait and explore options of repairing the windows rather than replace. The proposed replacement cost is very high. Tom Marr said aluminum-clad wood windows have a life span of about fifteen years.

Debra Roberts moved to table the application for replacement of windows to ask the property owners to look into other options. Charlie Hart seconded the motion and it was approved in roll call vote 4-0.

B. 411 W. 5th Street- Add window replacing top two boards on east elevation of enclosed porch/carport.

Property owner Patrick Stair was present to answer questions about his application. He said the proposed windows will replace the top two boards on the east and north elevations of the enclosed storage space. Mr. Stair said the windows would be wood and is needed because the storage space is dark. Debra Roberts asked if he would consider adding the window only on the alley side. Mr. Stair said he would consider. Debra Roberts moved to approve a horizontal window on the upper section of the storage room on the north elevation only. Ken Davenport seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0 by roll call vote.

Staff Report

Sandra Smith said she issued a Certificate of Appropriateness for construction of an uncovered wood deck on the rear of the house located at 230 Melrose Circle. The deck will be wood and is not visible from the street. Ms. Smith also reported that she spoke with the contractors working on the house at 605 Willow and advised them that unpainted brick is not allowed to be painted in the Argenta Historic District.

After determining there was no further business to discuss, Charlie Hart moved to adjourn the meeting. Ken Davenport seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sandra Taylor Smith, Director