

Historic District Commission Minutes
Thursday February 7, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Leshar at 6:00 pm in the Meeting Room of the Edgar M. Bosley, Jr. Municipal Building (Town Office), 300 Mill Street. Also present were Members: Jim Fulton, Marie Martin, Walda DuPriest and Staff Kim Shellem. Member Glen Fong was not in attendance.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Member Fulton made a motion to approve the January 3, 2019 minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Member Martin and carried by a vote of 4:0:1 in favor.

OPENING STATEMENT

Chairman Leshar read the opening statement into the record. Chairman Leshar then determined that there was a quorum of 4 present. Chairman Leshar swore in applicants or members of the public intending to testify.

CONSENT AGENDA:

HD-19-632

Kim Hannon Relocation of flat wall sign
100 S. Talbot Street

The Applicant is seeking approval to install a flat wall sign to the left of the front door at 100 S. Talbot Street.

Chairman Leshar noted the one consent agenda item and asked if any member would like to remove it from the consent agenda. Chairman Leshar had a question regarding the method of attachment of the sign to the building.

Members determined the structure to be non-contributing thus a lenient standard of review was appropriate.

Applicant confirmed that the sign would be attached through the existing holes in the mortar joints.

Chairman Leshar cited Chapter 8 Signs, page 21 of the guidelines.

Member Fulton made a motion to approve HD-19-632 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Member DuPriest and carried by a vote of 4-0-1 in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

HD-18-620

Continuation - Doors, exterior lighting, gutters and downspout details.

Tom Byrne

New footer block foundation & modifications to the rear wing

102 Locust Street

Applicant submitted a request in January seeking a continuance to the March meeting.

Members agreed to continue with a strict standard of review as in previous applications.

Member Martin made a motion to continue application HD-18-620 to the March meeting. Motion seconded by Member Fulton and carried on a vote of 4-0-1 in favor.

HD-19-631

Michael & Mary Ellen Tarquinio Fence

105 W. Chestnut Street

Applicants are seeking approval to install a new wooden cedar gothic picket fence along the right side of property, across to garage at the rear of the property and across to back of the house adding a gate. It is also proposed to remove the chain link fence located on the right and rear side of the property.

After some clarifications by the applicant, Chairman Leshner cited chapter 12, page 25 of the guidelines.

Member DuPriest made a motion to approve application HD-19-631 as submitted. Motion seconded by Member Fulton and carried on a vote of 4-0-1 in favor.

Discussion: 104 Railroad Avenue

Property owner Bobbi Parlett and Henry Michum gave a brief presentation of application HD-18-616, which was approved September 6, 2018. The approved plan to stabilize the building with a steel frame on the interior has brought up additional obstacles and safety concerns. Ms. Parlett is seeking further guidance from the historic commission regarding a new proposal to brace the exterior of the building with steel beams.

Chairman Leshner and Member Fulton questioned the appropriateness of the exposed beams on the west side of the house.

Ms. Parlett suggested options to camouflage the beams. In response to Ms. Parlett's comments, it was suggested that the front and rear doors could be replaced with approval by the historic commission.

Chairman Leshner and Member Fulton requested a set of scaled elevation drawings, including details regarding the attachment of bracing to the building.

Matters from Staff and Commission:

Chairman Leshner distributed a draft annual report to members. Members were asked to review and comment via email to Pete Leshner.

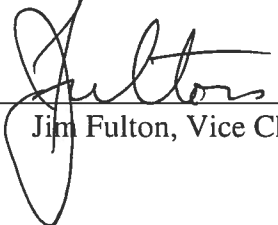
Chairman Leshner advised that he would not be available for the March 7th or April 4th meeting.

Member scheduled a workshop for Tuesday, February 19th, at 5:00pm in the Town Office.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:15.

Minutes approved by 3:0:2 vote in favor on 7th day of March, 2019.



Jim Fulton, Vice Chairman