

Historic District Commission MINUTES April 17, 2019

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Ed McClure, Ashley Pledger, John Carney, David Swearingen, Paul Hively, Jessica Rush

OTHERS ATTENDING:

Ethan Hunter – Planner III Bonnie Bridges –Staff Attorney Karen Wagaman – Chamber of Commerce

PUBLIC FORUM

McClure called the meeting to order and opened the public forum. Mr. Tom Flynn informed the commission of his plans for public art projects in Downtown Rogers and asked for procedural guidance for getting started. The commission suggested he coordinate with staff for assistance. McClure closed the public forum.

ROLL CALL

McClure asked for a roll call of commissioners present. Roberts and Hagan were not in attendance.

ACTION ON MINUTES

The commission reviewed minutes from the 3/20/19 meeting. Pledger motioned to approve the 3/20/19 minutes and Carney seconded: YES (unanimous). Motion carried. Minutes *APPROVED*.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. An amendment to COA #18-03 regarding building signage at 124 W. Walnut Street,

This item was represented by Tracy Alexander. Hunter explained that this request was before the commission due to unpermitted signage on 2nd Street that was installed without having been included in the original COA. In order to issue a sign permit for the currently illegal signage, the signage would need to be tied to an approved COA. Therefore, the applicant requests to amend the original COA to include the 2nd Street signage as-installed. The commission asked Alexander about why the installed signage on Walnut Street deviated from the renderings provided with her COA application, and it was determined that the original discussion provided enough flexibility for relatively minor adjustments based on the condition of the façade. Ultimately, the commission decided that the unpermitted signage on 2nd Street is consistent in design and character with the originally approved COA. Hively motioned to approve the amendment to COA #18-03 and Pledger seconded. Roll call: YES (unanimous). Motion carried. Amendment *APPROVED*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hunter announced that Catherine Barrier from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program would be giving a presentation after the meeting for those interested in learning about Certified Local Government resources.

ADJOURN McClure adjourned the meeting at 4:52PM.