

Historic District Commission MINUTES September 18, 2019

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Ed McClure, Ashley Pledger, Paul Hively, Jessica Rush, John Carney, Kelli Roberts

OTHERS ATTENDING:

Shey Bland – DTR Inc. Ethan Hunter – City Planner Jennifer Moore – Records Administrator Karen Wagaman – Chamber of Commerce

PUBLIC FORUM

McClure called the meeting to order and opened the public forum. No comments were made and the public forum was closed.

ROLL CALL

McClure asked for a roll call of commissioners present. David Swearingen and John Hagan were not present.

ACTION ON MINUTES

The commission reviewed minutes from the 7/19/19 meeting. Roberts motioned to approve the minutes as presented and Carney seconded: YES (unanimous). Motion carried. Minutes approved. Pledger then asked staff to clarify wording of the discussion regarding the approved color palette for COA #19-04. Hunter said he would re-word the minutes for clarity. McClure motioned to approve the minutes subject to the requested change and Hively seconded: YES (unanimous). Motion carried. Minutes approved subject to requested change.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. COA #19-05: A request by Justin Williams for approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness at 121 S. 2nd Street

This item was represented by the business owner of Frisco Tattoo, Justin Williams. He explained the overall scope of work proposed for the subject building as presented in his COA application, which involves the placement of a projecting sign above the building entrance.

McClure asked for a motion to discuss the proposed sign. Carney motioned to approve the proposed sign as presented and Hively seconded. The commission examined the proposed sign renderings and Roberts asked about the material of the sign. No concerns were expressed about the proposal. Roll call: YES (unanimous; Pledger abstained). Motion carried. Proposed sign *APPROVED*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pledger asked staff how the commission could explore potential historic designations for residential buildings or neighborhoods and whether the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program could provide technical assistance. Hunter suggested that it be discussed internally before reaching out to the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program or the public, as there are many considerations at play with residential regulations.

ADJOURN

McClure adjourned the meeting at 4:55PM.