

Historic District Committee Meeting
April 13, 2006

The Van Buren Historic District Committee held their monthly meeting Thursday, April 13, 2006 at 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Room of the Municipal Complex. The following items were on the agenda:

1. Approval of minutes from the last meeting
2. C of A, 604 Main Street, for repairs and signage, owner Fred O. Williams dba as Breckenridge Properties
3. C of A, 616 Main Street, for remodeling, repairs, owner Carl Solley.
4. C of A, 601 Main Street, for paint and signage, owner Robert Simons, applicant is Elaine Dugan.
5. C of A, 812 Main Street, for paint and signage, owner Terry A. Ramsey, applicants are Misty Evans and Patricia Gilbreth.
6. Any other business that comes before the Committee

PRESENT:

Dwight Hopkins, Chairman
John Symonds, Co-Chairman
Vickie Davis
Roy Hebard
Paul Gibson
Cami Brown, Rec. Sec.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sheila Bell
Misty Evans
Patricia Gilbreth
Elaine Dugan

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwight Hopkins at 5:28 P.M. First item up was the approval of minutes from last meeting, which was held January 12, 2006. A motion was made by John Symonds to approve minutes as they were written, motion was seconded by Paul Gibson, and the motion carried with a unanimous decision.

Next item in front of the Committee was a Certificate of Appropriateness for 606 Main Street, represented by Sheila Bell. A motion was made by John Symonds that the work would not affect any surrounding buildings, motion was seconded by Paul Gibson and the motion carried with a unanimous decision. After detailed discussion about the work to be done at this address, a motion to approve C of A was made by Paul Gibson, and this motion was given a second by Roy Hebard. The Committee voted unanimously to approve this C of A.

Mr. Roy Hebard excused himself from the meeting at this time, due to another commitment.

Next Certificate of Appropriateness was on 601 Main Street, represented by Elaine Dugan. A motion was made by John Symonds that the work would not affect the surrounding buildings. The motion was seconded by Vickie Davis, and carried a unanimous vote. After some discussion, John Symonds made a motion to approve the C of A, with the condition that the paint be taken from the paint chart for the Historic District and be a matte finish, or a non-glossy finish. The motion was given a second by Paul Gibson, and carried a unanimous vote.

The next C of A in front of the Committee was 812 Main Street, for signage, represented by Misty Evans and Patricia Gilbreth, owner Terry Ramsey. John Symonds made a motion that the signage would not affect the surrounding buildings, and Vickie Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried a unanimous decision. After some discussion about a staircase going in the back of the building, the Committee moved to table the staircase construction until next month and made a motion to amend that the sign material be wood or a material that resembles wood, and lettering comply with period and design suitable for Historic Main Street. This motion was made by Paul Gibson, seconded by John Symonds, and carried a unanimous decision.

The last Certificate of Appropriateness was 616 Main Street, owner Carl Solley, for remodeling and repairs. John Symonds moved to amend this C of A to the roofing only at this time, and Mr. Solley would be allowed to come back on this same C of A as repairs and remodeling progress, to which the Committee agreed. A motion was made by John Symonds that the work would not affect the surrounding buildings, and Paul Gibson seconded this motion. The motion carried a unanimous vote. A motion was then made by Paul Gibson to approve the C of A for roofing and table the remainder of the work until next month, or as soon as the Committee has a chance to meet with Mr. Solley. This motion was seconded by Vickie Davis and carried a unanimous vote.

A copy of the CLG Grant Application for the upcoming grant cycle was handed out and discussed. With no other business before the Committee, this meeting was adjourned.

Dwight Hopkins, Chairman

Cami Brown, Rec. Sec.