

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING DECEMBER 14, 2006

The Historic District Commission held its monthly meeting Thursday, December 14, 2006 in the District Court Room at the Municipal Complex. The following items were on the agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes from the last meeting
2. Certificate of Appropriateness for 610 Main Street, owner Fred Williams, represented by Sheila Bell, for cleaning and re-pointing Brick on building
3. Discussion of Banners on Main Street
4. Any other business that comes before the Commission

PRESENT:

Dwight Hopkins, Chairman
John Symonds, Co-Chairman
Vickie Davis
Paul Gibson
Jody Rhoads
Cami Brown, Recording Secretary
Brad Baldwin, City Engineer

Chairman Dwight Hopkins called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the last meeting. John Symonds made a motion to approve the minutes as they were written, motion was given a second by Jody Rhoads, and the motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Next item for consideration was a Certificate of Appropriateness for cleaning and re-pointing brick on the front of building at 610 Main Street. After some discussion, Jody Rhoads made a motion to approve this C of A, and the motion was given a second by John Symonds, with the motion carrying with a unanimous vote.

At this time the Commission went on to discuss the use of banners on Main Street. After some discussion, the Commission agreed that after the beginning of the New Year, the Commission should look at this area, along with other areas,

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of the adopted Guidelines for the Historic District, to see if some modifications or amendments should be made to the Guidelines.

Next item discussed was the lawsuit between City of Van Buren and Sue Deaton, property owner on Main Street. After meeting with the Commission and City Attorney Candice Settle, it was decided by Judge Gary Cotrell to dismiss this lawsuit. Mrs. Deaton is to fulfill her agreement with the Commission to finish the work on the back of her property in compliance with already filed and approved Certificate of Appropriateness, and any work in the future will come to the Commission through a Certificate of Appropriateness

The Commission reviewed letters that were sent out to several owners of businesses on Main Street, asking for response from these business owners on various matters that should have come in front of the Commission. The Commission went on to discuss the matter of educating people purchasing property on Main Street, and also the matter of pulling the people on Main Street together by finding ways to possibly offer financial aid in the upkeep and maintenance of their buildings. The Commission agreed that with the new Administration coming in for the City of Van Buren in 2007, the Commission should try and meet with the Mayor after the first of the year to discuss more support for the Commission and its efforts.

The Commission agreed to cancel the January 2007 meeting and meet again at the regular February meeting.

With no other business, this meeting was adjourned.

Dwight Hopkins, Chairman

Cami L. Brown, Rec. Sec.