

HISTORIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 9, 2008

The Van Buren Historic District Commission held its monthly meeting Thursday, October 9, 2008 at 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Room of the Municipal Complex. The following items are on the agenda:

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting
2. COA for 703 Main Street for signage
3. COA for 710 Main Street for signage
4. COA for 713 Main Street for signage and replacement of shingles on awning
5. Discussion on color samples
6. Any other business that comes before this commission

PRESENT: Vickie Davis, Chairman
 Dwight Hopkins, Co-Chairman
 John Symonds
 Jody Rhoads
 Cami Brown, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Paul Gibson

OTHERS

PRESENT: Bryan Litchford
 Ron Ingram
 Skip Steele

Vickie Davis called this meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The first item on the agenda was approval of minutes from the June and August meetings for 2008. John Symonds made a motion to accept the June minutes as written, and Jody Rhoads gave that motion a second. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. Next Jody Rhoads made a motion to accept the August minutes as written, John Symonds gave this motion a second, and this motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Next item was COA for signage for 703 Main Street. John Symonds made a motion that the COA doesn't significantly affect the surrounding property. This motion was given a second by Dwight Hopkins, and motion carried with a unanimous vote. After review, Jody Rhoads made a motion to approve this COA, and John Symonds gave this motion a second. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The next COA for review was for signage at 710 Main Street. John Symonds made a motion this COA does not significantly affect the surrounding property, and Dwight Hopkins seconded that motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. After reviewing this COA, a motion was made by Jody Rhoads to approve this COA, and this was seconded by John Symonds. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Another COA for signage and the replacement of shingles on an awning was reviewed for 713 Main Street. Dwight Hopkins made a motion that this COA doesn't significantly affect the surrounding property, and the motion was given a second by John Symonds. The motion carried a unanimous vote. It was determined the lettering on this project would be Art Gothic Bold, and signage would contain the colors Robin's Egg and Grassy Meadow. A motion to approve the COA was made by John Symonds, seconded by Jody Rhoads, and carried a unanimous vote.

Next item for discussion was the color samples that Sue Moore at the Paint Store made for the Historic District Commission. A thank you had been sent for this work from the HDC by Cami Brown, and it was decided to keep them in the HDC office, and bring one to meeting for reviews.

Next discussion was about letters sent to property owners about changes they make, and adding to that letter that each building adds a historical significance to our downtown and we do not want a building to change to where it is not recognizable.

Next item discussed was making a \$500.00 donation to the refurbish job for the ghost sign, the Coca-Cola sign on the side of the building at 8th and Main Streets. After some discussion, a motion was made by John Symonds to donate \$500.00 of CLG grant money to this project if the CLG budget allows, and the motion was seconded by Dwight Hopkins. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Next item for discussion was the pamphlets/informational flyers that have not been printed for the Historic District. After some discussion it was agreed Dwight Hopkins could take on the job of putting this together and getting to the printer for the commission. A motion was made by John Symonds to move forward with this project, motion was given a second by Jody Rhoads, and motion carried a 3 to 1 vote, with Dwight Hopkins voting against this motion.

The next discussion was Fairview Cemetery Guidelines. John Symonds will be coordinating with Randy Smith, liaison for Fairview Cemetery and the City of Van Buren, and Sandra-Taylor Smith, who will be writing this addition to our guidelines, if she is available. The state has agreed to waive the bidding process on this project. Cami

Brown will get Sandra's contact information to John, and John will move forward with this project. Dwight Hopkins made a motion for John Symonds to facilitate between Sandra-Taylor Smith and Randy Smith. Jody Rhoads gave the motion a second, and the motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Next discussion was about the building adjacent to KOH, which is falling down, and may affect the KOH. Cami Brown will contact Theresa Russell who is the easement coordinator for Arkansas about this matter. Until something is in place for the HDC to do something, it would have to come from another entity.

With no other business, this meeting was adjourned.

Vickie Davis, Chairman

Cami Brown, Recording Secretary