

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
APRIL 9, 2009

The Van Buren Historic District held its monthly meeting Thursday, April 9, 2009 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 last meeting
2. Review of plans for Coca-Cola "ghost sign" for side of building at Hwy. 59, Main Street and 8th Street in Van Buren, represented by Richard Gilstrap.
3. Any other business that comes before this commission

PRESENT: Dwight Hopkins, Vice-Chairman
 John Symonds
 Paul Gibson
 Barbara Little, Ex-Officio Member
 Cami Brown, Rec. Sec.

ABSENT: Jody Rhoads
 Vickie Davis, Chairman

OTHERS
PRESENT: Richard Gilstrap
 Skip Steele
 Carl Solley
 Carrie Daniels

Vice-Chairman Dwight Hopkins called this meeting to order at 5:41 P.M. First item on the agenda was approval of minutes from the last meeting. Johns Symonds made a motion to accept the minutes as written, motion was seconded by Paul Gibson, and motion carried with a unanimous decision.

The next item was review of plans for Coca-Cola "ghost sign" for side of building at Main Street, 8th Street and Hwy. 59. Richard Gilstrap was representing this matter. Mr. Gilstrap referred to the photo of the sign he found that shows the Coca-Cola sign on the wall, and the drawings he brought for the commissioners to look over. Mr. Gilstrap commented from what he and Mr. Kirkpatrick, historian for Coca-Cola, can tell, the sign was painted four different times. They

incorporated all four into their final decision on the sign, which includes the Sprite Boy, and the "Coca-Cola" emblem. He and Mr. Kirkpatrick felt the sign would be best represented by what has been there in the past, and incorporated something from each sign to come up with the sign they designed. After some discussion, the commission commented this project has already been approved. CLG coordinator Cami Brown commented if the HDC donates \$500.00 toward this sign, AHPP will have to approve what work is done. Mr. Gilstrap commented he would get letters from Mr. Kirkpatrick, and also from Mr. Minks from Coca-Cola endorsing this sign. Mr. Minks is the man that has approved this project and given permission for the Coca-Cola trademark to go on the sign. Mr. Hopkins commented the work could begin, as COA for this has been approved, but the \$500.00 will not be guaranteed until Boyd Mahar gives Ms. Brown authorization to release funds.

Next item for review was a COA for signage for Sarah Plagenza for 615B Main Street. The business is a children's new and used clothing store, the name of this business is "O'lee O's". Signs include a hanging sign, which will replace the last business sign there and will be hung with the previous merchant's hardware that has been approved by the commission. Signage will also be placed on the front door, with a lower window stripe, colors are from the proper paint chart, and are Green Bonnet, and Chocolate, and the font for the lettering is Bernhard Cursive Bold. John Symonds made a motion to accept the COA with the understanding Sarah Plagenza would come in to verify font and the vinyl lettering will be a matte finish. Paul Gibson gave the motion a second and the motion passed with a unanimous decision.

The next item was an update from John Symonds on Fairview Cemetery. Sandra Taylor-smith was here, took photos of the cemetery, visited with Randy Smith via telephone to get information she needed, and expects to have a draft 3-4 weeks from this week. When draft is received HDC and Randy Smith will review. Any changes that need to be made will be given to Sandra by John Symonds. Once the final draft is back Randy Smith and John Symonds will present to the Fairview Cemetery board. John Symonds commented this be ready by the end of the summer.

Next Ms. Ramona Mitchell, owner of Visual Enterprises, 609 Main Street, addressed the commission about her building. Ms. Mitchell commented after she had her roof repaired from hail damage that occurred last year, she still has water coming in on her building, and her insurance company will not allow her to do the work on the interior water damage until the leaking is stopped, and she and her insurance company believe the water is coming in from damage to the roof of the building next to hers. She wanted the commission's advice as to where to turn for help, as the owners of this property in question never responded to her calls. She did not want to cause problems but has to move on this for the protection of her property. The commission commented without a maintenance ordinance with enforcement in place there was nothing the

commission could do, but advised her to take the matter to the city engineer, building inspectors, and code enforcement. Cami Brown commented she would turn in to those departments the following morning, and get back with Ms. Mitchell.

Next item was for Carl Solley, who brought before the commission his plan to place the address of his building in the sidewalk across the front of the property. This would be to replace the ceramic tiled entry that had to be removed when renovations were being done. The entry would be 3feet wide, and would be honeycomb shaped tiles, similar to the ones that were originally in place in front of the property. The numbers would be the color cinnamon, the fill would be a light gray, and the border will be black. This work is an amendment to the original COA Carl Solley had filed and has been working from. A motion was made by Paul Gibson to accept the project, motion was seconded by John Symonds, and the motion carried a unanimous vote.

Next Skip Steele, property owner on Main Street, addressed the commission about placing parking signs to direct people to the free parking lot between 6th and 7th Streets on Webster Street. After some discussion, Vice Chairman Dwight Hopkins commented he would look for some sign design that was done for Main Street Program when it was alive, and said he would have Cami Brown look through the Main Street papers and see if there was anything there. This matter will be reviewed again at a later date.

With no other business this meeting was adjourned.

Dwight Hopkins, Vice Chairman

Cami L. Brown, Rec. Sec.