

**HISTORIC DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 12, 2009**

The Van Buren Historic District Commission held its monthly meeting Thursday, March 12, 2009 at 5:30 P.M. in the City Council of the Municipal Complex. The following items were on the agenda:

1. Approval of minutes from the last meeting held
2. COA for 820 Main Street for work to the back or south side of the building,  
Billy Jones, Jones Construction representing Bill Booker, owner,  
along with  
Al Prieur of Prieur Engineering.
3. Any other business that comes before this Commission.

PRESENT: VICKIE DAVIS, CHAIRPERSON  
DWIGHT HOPKINS, VICE CHAIR  
JODY RHOADS  
JOHN SYMONDS  
PAUL GIBSON  
CAMI BROWN, RECORDING SECRETARY  
BILLY JONES, CONTRACTOR  
AL PRIEUR, ENGINEER

Chairperson Vickie Davis called this meeting to order at 5:30 PM. The first order of business was approval of minutes from the last meeting. A motion was made by John Symonds to accept the minutes as written, motion was seconded by Paul Gibson, and the motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The next item on the agenda was COA for 820 Main Street for work to the back or south side of the building. Billy Jones, Jones Construction, along with Al Prieur, engineer were representing owner Bill Booker. Chairperson Vickie Davis commented one question the commission had was would the areas being worked on be all new construction. Mr. Jones replied the underneath or deck would be new wood, and if the wood was in good shape

on the upper part, that would be existing unless rotten, then it would have to be replaced. They could not make that determination until they pull the existing sheet metal off. Dwight Hopkins asked Mr. Jones if they knew for certain there was no brick under the sheet metal, and Mr. Jones commented on the inside you could see there is no brick, it is all wood. He then commented they would be using lap-joint hardy siding. Mr. Jones also confirmed that there would be a water vapor barrier and 7/16 OSB sheathing, with ¼ inch foam on the inside. On the hardy plank it will be the textured version of the board. Colors for the work chosen are Saint William Street for the main color, and trim will be Jefferson House. The wood for the porch and stairs will be clear-coated only. **After some discussion, the commission instructed the builder to tell the owner that the proposed assembly would probably not be eligible for any tax credits. The commission wanted this point made clear to the owner. Mr. Jones agreed to this.** A motion was made by John Symonds to approve this COA, and the motion was given a second by Paul Gibson. This motion carried with a vote of three for and one vote of opposition from Dwight Hopkins. **It was noted on the COA that building permits must be obtained from the Building Dept. of the City of Van Buren prior to beginning this project, and all requirements of that department as well as the Fire Marshal must be met.**

Next item discussed by the commission was recommendation of code of ethics to be adopted for the commission. Dwight Hopkins commented city attorney reviewed these and agreed they were acceptable. Paul Gibson asked that the commission table this until next month, and Cami Brown produced copies for each commissioner to review again. A vote will be taken at the next meeting on this matter.

John Symonds informed the commission Sandra Taylor-Smith will be in our city at the end of March, date yet to be determined, to take photos and discuss Fairview Cemetery Guidelines she is working on for the commission.

Cami Brown reminded the commission of meeting with Phil Thomason on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 A.M. for lunch at Sister's Restaurant. Ms. Brown also reminded the commission of the public hearing that will be held on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. on the city-wide preservation plan. The commission also discussed CAMP which will be held in Eureka Springs May 13 – 16, 2009.

At this time this meeting was adjourned.

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Vickie Davis, Chairperson

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Cami L. Brown, Recording Sec.