

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
JULY 9, 2009

The Van Buren Historic District held its monthly meeting Thursday, July 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. COA for signage at 621 Main Street represented by J.C. Whitworth
3. COA for signage at 12 South 7th Street represented by Doug Clarty
4. Any other business that comes before this commission

PRESENT: Vickie Davis, Chairperson
 Dwight Hopkins, Vice Chair
 John Symonds
 Paul Gibson
 Cami L. Brown, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Jody Rhoads

OTHERS

PRESENT: J. C. Whitworth
 Doug Clarty

Vickie Davis called this meeting to order at 5:31 P.M. The first order of business was approval of minutes from last meeting. John Symonds made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Dwight Hopkins gave the motion a second and the motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The next item for consideration was a COA for signage at 621 Main Street by J.C. Whitworth. John Symonds made a motion that the signage does not significantly affect the surrounding properties. This motion was seconded by Dwight Hopkins and the motion carried with a unanimous vote. Mr. Whitworth chose all three colors for the sign from the Historic District color chart, and agreed the sign would be hung with black chain. John Symonds made a motion to accept this COA, Paul Gibson seconded the motion and the motion carried with a unanimous vote.

A COA for signage at 12 South 7th Street was next, represented by Doug Clarty. Dwight Hopkins made a motion this signage does not significantly affect the surrounding properties. John Symonds gave the motion a second and the motion carried with a unanimous vote. After reviewing the signage and discussing the color canary that was not on the Kwal paint chart, a motion was made by John Symonds to approve this signage provided the color canary was found on the other paint chart the Historic District uses. This chart was not available at this time. The motion by Mr. Symonds was seconded by Paul Gibson and the motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Under any other business John Symonds mentioned Boyd Mahar called him about the guidelines for Fairview Cemetery, and John commented he would be marking all comments in the draft and sending to Sandra Taylor Smith at the first of next week. Mrs. Davis commented she spoke with Jack Bernard and they would not be spraying the herbicide in the cemetery.

Chairperson Davis commented the plaque for Addison Mitchell is finished and that we would send an invitation and present the plaque to Miss Mitchell next month.

Dwight Hopkins commented he was hoping to bring the beginning of the breakdown of the guidelines for the commission to begin reviewing this month, but time did not allow for him to do so. Mr. Hopkins commented he would try to have that at the next meeting. Mr. Hopkins also asked if the commission is waiting for Phil Thomason to submit his final draft of the Citywide Preservation Plan. It was determined that this is, in fact, the situation. It was also determined at this time that since there was not feedback at the last public hearing the commission would not have to hold a third public hearing.

Dwight Hopkins made a motion to adjourn, John Symonds seconded the motion and the motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Vickie Davis, Chairperson

Cami L. Brown, Rec. Sec.