

COURTHOUSE SQUARE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

March 18, 2008

Be it remembered that the Courthouse Square Preservation Commission did meet in special session on Tuesday, March, 18, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. in the first floor courtroom of City Hall with the following members present:

Will Lewis, Chairman
Phil Bailey
Andy Phillips
Jim Pryor

Tim Akers, City Planner
Katrina Hourin, Assistant City Planner
Tiffany Hatcher, Consultant
Mary Annie Brown, Secretary

Absent: Mike Overstreet
Teresa Flautt

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis. Bradley Bishop reported that he was still awaiting an official report from structural engineers concerning the existing marquee but has come up with possible ways to replace the current awning with a more appropriate marquee. He informed the Commission that he was looking into applying for a grant from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Also he said he could host a special showing of the "Intruder in the Dust" and all proceeds would go to the purchase of the marquee.

Commissioner Andy Phillips made a motion to accept the new proposal with the understanding that Mr. Bishop will keep the Commission updated on the state of the proposed marquee reproduction. A meeting is planned for January 2009 to discuss the developments. Commissioners Lewis, Phillips, Phil Bailey and Jim Pryor granted the approval for the project based on the following conditions:

1. The present canopy of the North façade at the entrance is to remain if structurally sound. If a licensed structural engineer deems current canopy unsafe, it will be removed. (Until such time as it can be replaced with a reproduction of the original Lyric Marquee.)
2. This conditional approval is based on the Commission's understanding that Mr. Bishop intends to raise the money for a reproduction of the original Lyric Marquee.
3. Mr. Bishop returns in January 2009 to update the Commission on the proposed marquee.

Also, part of the approval was to accept the south, east and west facades. Preservation Consultant Tiffany Hatcher stated that she was much happier with the new develops and it is a good compromise as opposed to what was presented before.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.