

COURTHOUSE SQUARE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Be it remembered that the Courthouse Square Preservation Commission did meet in regular session on Monday, May 4, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. on the second floor in the courtroom of City Hall with the following members present:

Will Lewis, Chairman
Mike Overstreet
Andy Phillips
Watt Bishop
Jim Pryor
Phil Bailey

Tim Akers, City Planner
Tiffany Smith, Consultant
Mary Annie Brown, Secretary

Absent: Teresa Flautt

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Will Lewis.

After the meeting was called to order, Chairman Lewis informed the Commission of one error in the April Minutes. The error is as follows:

1. The Minutes incorrectly show Commissioner Andy Phillips seconded the Motion to approve the Minutes. May the corrections reflect that Commissioner Mike Overstreet seconded the Motion.

After the corrections were noted, Commissioner Andy Phillips made a motion to approve the April 6, 2009 Minutes with Commissioner Mike Overstreet seconding the motion. All present voting aye.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE REGARDING BUILDING PERMITS: Tiffany Smith explained to the Commission that the new Ordinance would expand the types of changes to structures that would have to be reviewed by the Courthouse Square Commission. This would expand changes beyond those that require building permits. After discussion, the Commission requested more time to consider the proposed change.

CHS Case #025 - Case withdrawn from the Agenda.

CHS Case #026 – COA FOR 114 COURTHOUSE SQUARE. Mr. Todd Nichols with Mills and Mills Architects came before the Commission for a COA at 114 Courthouse Square. Mr. Nichols is requesting a COA for a glass roll-up window in a wall where no window currently exists and a second floor balcony to extend the north facing, second floor balcony to the front east portion of the resource. Commission Phillips rescued himself due to the Phillips Family's

interest in the building. Mr. Nichols stated that the proposed glass roll-up window would improve the interior lighting with additional natural lighting. Further, stating that there had never been a window in the proposed location. Regarding the balcony, it was noted that there had never been a balcony on the front of the building. Commissioner Pryor stated that if the commission approved the request, since there never had been a balcony on this historical building, what would prevent other square owners to come in and request a balcony for their building and then eventually the square would have balconies on all the buildings which would significantly change the historic nature of the square. Commissioner Overstreet disagreed stating that there are so many balconies on the square he doesn't see that it would change the character of the square.

After further discussion, the decision of the Commission is as follows:

1. Glass roll-up doors: All Commissioners voted to deny this request.
2. Balcony on front/East side – Commissioners Bailey, Bishop, Lewis and Pryor voted to deny this request. Commissioner Overstreet voted to approve.

CHS Case #027 – CITY PARKING LOT BETWEEN SOUTH 14TH STREET AND SOUTH 15TH STREET. Paul Koshenina, Percision Engineering, came before the Commission proposing a city parking lot between South 14th Street and South 15th Street. The parking lot will surround the existing the Park Commission structure, and total 141. A 17-foot wall is currently being built in a ditch at the back of the Powerhouse building. Commissioner Mike Overstreet inquired whether the wall violates the 8-foot height limit for retaining walls which was set by the city. Commissioner Watt Bishop expressed his concerns over the need for another parking lot. After further discussion, Commissioner Overstreet made a motion to approve the COA for a city parking lot between South 14th Street and South 15th Street. All present voting aye except for Commissioner Bishop who voted to deny the COA.

Commissioner Lewis inquired about the lighting fixtures that were added to the exterior of Mr. Parrish Baker's building without a COA. Commissioner Phillips stated that he had looked at the lights and was of the opinion that Mr. Baker should have come before the Commission requesting a COA to install the light fixtures. After discussion, Commissioner Lewis stated that the Commission will ask Mr. Baker to come before the Commission for a COA.

With no further business, the Commission meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Will Lewis.

The next regular meeting date will be June 1, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.