

COURTHOUSE SQUARE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Be it remembered that the Courthouse Square Preservation Commission did meet in regular session on Monday, April 5, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. on the second floor in the courtroom of City Hall with the following members present:

Jim Pryor, Chairman
Phil Bailey
Donna Gottshall
Theresa Flautt
Will Lewis

Tim Akers, City Planner
Katrina Hourin, Assistant City Planner

The following Commissioner was absent: Andy Phillips, Mike Overstreet, and Tiffany Smith.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Pryor.

Approval of Minutes from March 1, 2010 Meeting

There being no changes to the minutes, motion was made by Commissioner Pryor and seconded by Commissioner Flautt to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2010 meeting.

All present voting aye.

The motion was approved.

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Pryor asked if there were any necessary modifications to the agenda. There being no changes to the agenda, motion was made by Commissioner Flautt and seconded by Commissioner Gottshall to accept the agenda.

All present voting aye.

The motion was approved.

Preliminary Conference for property located on 1006 Jefferson Avenue. Jeff Williams of Williams Engineering Consultants, Inc. representing Seeker Properties, LLC and Stefano Capomazza, came before the commission to discuss a potential project. Currently, the property is under renovation where a local hair salon, will relocate. Ultimately wanting to move the house elsewhere, Seeker Properties, LLC is proposing to convert the property into a parking lot to fulfill parking requirements for a boutique hotel proposed directly across the street at 1013 Jefferson Avenue. Seeking input from the commission, Mr. Williams asked for comments and feedback regarding the proposal. Mr. Williams answered a question regarding the timing of the removal of the structure responding that the house would not be removed until parking is needed for the hotel. Questions were asked regarding ownership of the property, Mr. Williams responded that it was being optioned based on final approval of all required Commissions. Discussion continued regarding the previously approve plan which is still current and the improvements made to the new proposed plan. Mr. Capomazza explained in detail how all objections made regarding the previous plan had been addressed in the new proposed plan. Further discussion ensued with comments concerning the attractiveness of the façade and the added benefits of additional parking.

After the conclusion of the preliminary conference, discussion was made regarding new signage on the square specifically addressing the addition of lighting and signage for a new business belonging to NaAnn Watts at 124 Courthouse Square. After further discussion Commissioner Lewis made a motion to notify Ms. Watts in writing requesting she appear at the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 3, 2010 to address lighting and signage erected without a COA from the commission. Commissioner Gottshall seconded the motion. All present voting aye.

Commissioner Pryor encouraged the members to attend the April 6th meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to hear the second reading of the proposed ordinance amending interior, illuminated signage on the square.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by commissioner Pryor.