

COURTHOUSE SQUARE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Be it remembered that the Courthouse Square Preservation Commission did meet in regular session on Thursday, September 8, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. on the second floor in the courtroom of City Hall with the following members present:

Andy Phillips, Chairman
Phil Bailey
Mike Bridge
Donna Gottshall
Will Lewis
Mike Overstreet
Jim Pryor

Katrina Hourin, Assistant City Planner
Lynn Conerly, Office Manager

The following Commissioners were absent:

Jim Pryor
Donna Gottshall
Mike Overstreet

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Andy Phillips.

Commissioner Phillips inquired who could access the cases. Two Commissioners couldn't access the packet. Tim Akers, City Planner, asked if the Commission would rather have a packet and Commissioner Lewis stated he would prefer the packet.

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Phillips stated the agenda includes cases 76-83. Motion was made by Commissioner Bridge and seconded by Commissioner Bailey to approve the agenda.

All present voting aye.

The motion was approved

Approval of Minutes from the June 6, 2011 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Lewis made a motion for the minutes to be approved. Commissioner Bridge seconded the motion.

All present voting aye.

The motion was approved

Approval of Minutes from the August 1, 2011 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Bailey made a motion for the minutes to be approved with minor changes from Commissioner Phillips. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion.

All present voting aye.

The motion was approved

Public Hearing for Case #76 – 1111 West Jackson Avenue Kyle Edmons, of Mitchell Signs, came before the Commission seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 1111 West Jackson Avenue. Mr. Edmonds asked the Commission for permission to replace the existing sign. The new sign is an ornamental design and have reverse illuminated letters. Discussion was made regarding the lighting and size. The sign will be 13 inches by 5 feet.

There being no questions or comments from the public or the Commission motion was made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Bailey to approve the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a new sign for property located at 1111 West Jackson Avenue.

All present voting aye.

The motion was approved.

Public Hearing for Case #77 – 400 South Lamar, Suite D Wren Greene, is seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 400 South Lamar, Suite D. Mr. Greene was not present this afternoon. Discussion was made regarding the sign. The sign is already hung. The Commission asked Mr. Akers to send a certified letter stating Mr. Greene must attend the meeting in October or the sign must come down.

There being no further questions or comments from the public or the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Bailey to send a certified letter requesting attendance at the October meeting or take the sign down.

All present voting aye.

The motion was approved.

Public Hearing for Case #80-1110 Van Buren Avenue Lee Cauthen, General Manager for McEwen's, is seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 1110 Van Buren Avenue. Mr. Cauthen is seeking permission to install 2 lights for the sign on the front of the building.

There being no further questions or comments from the public or the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Bridge to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for lighting at the property of 1110 Van Buren Avenue.

Public Hearing for Case #81-265 North Lamar, Suite W (Prior to this case, Commissioner Phillips informed the Commission he has represented in the past and continues to represent Renasant Bank. There was no argument and the case continued) Whit Wilson of Renasant Bank came before the Commission seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for a hanging sign for the property located at 265 North Lamar, Suite W. Discussion was made regarding the sign. Commissioner Bridge would like to know where the sign would be located. Mr. Wilson informed the Commission it would be located in the area between Wells Fargo and High Point Coffee. The Commission suggested a metal sign like the one at Tollison Law Firm. Virginia Pence, a consultant to the Commission, and property manager for the property owner, suggested to Mr. Wilson that he could put a wall plaque below the University Club plaque.

Commissioner Phillips suggested this be tabled until the October meeting. Mr. Wilson will get with Mrs. Hourin and Mr. Akers about the design for the sign. There being no further questions or comments from the public or the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner Lewis to table until the October meeting and seconded by Commissioner Bridge.

All present voting aye.

The motion was approved.

Public Hearing for Case #82 -103 North Lamar Blvd. - Laura Jones came before the Commission representing Josh Turner. Mr. Turner is seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for a finger sign pointing up the stairs to his law office. Discussion was made regarding this sign. Commissioner Bridge suggested a plaque like the one at Tollison Law Firm. The Commission asked for dimensions for the sign and Mrs. Jones didn't have any. Commissioner Phillips suggested a motion to table until the October meeting. Mrs. Jones will have examples and dimensions of the sign at that meeting.

There being no further questions or comments from the public or the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner Bridge and seconded by Commissioner Lewis to table this the request a sign for the property located at 103 North Lamar Blvd.

Public Hearing for Case #83-City of Oxford - Mary-Kathryn Herrington, Director of Tourism came before the Commission to get approval for a Mississippi Blues Trail Marker. Mrs. Herrington has several locations in mind for the marker, but they are all on private property. The Commission suggested the Burns Belfry Church. The Commission approved the sign design and Mrs. Herrington will work with Mrs. Hourin and Mr. Akers on the location of the sign.

There being no further questions or comments from the public or the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Lewis to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for a Historical Marker.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Lewis to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.