

COURTHOUSE SQUARE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Be it remembered that the Courthouse Square Preservation Commission did meet in regular session on Monday, February 6, 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
Donna Gottshall
Jim Pryor

Katrina Hourin, Assistant City Planner
Lynn Conerly, Office Manager
Virginia Pence, Courthouse Square Preservation Consultant

The following Commissioners were absent:

Mike Bridge
Will Lewis

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Andy Phillips.

Approval of Minutes from the January 5, 2011 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Phillips asked if there are any modifications to the January 5, 2011 minutes. There being no changes from the Commission or the public, a motion was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Pryor to approve the January 5, 2011 minutes.

All present voting aye.

The minutes were approved

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Phillips asked if there are any modifications to the agenda. There being none, a motion was made by Commissioner Pryor to approve the agenda and seconded by Commissioner Overstreet.

All present voting aye.

The agenda was approved

Public Hearing for Case #88 –COA for property located at 319 North Lamar- Edge Conkerton appeared on behalf of the applicant requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for tow (2) sign for the Pita Pit, a restaurant on property located at 319 North Lamar.

Ms. Conkerton has met with Randy Barber, the Building Official for confirmation that the proposed signs meet city requirements. Ms. Conkerton discussed the placement of the signs

proposing that, one sign will be centered above the main entrance, in the transom and the other larger sign proposed above the windows on the south side of the building opposite the old Boure' building. Discussion continued as Ms. Conkerton proposed red LED lighting that would give off a 'halo' effect from the back of the signs. Virginia Pence, the architectural consultant suggested using white lights instead of red. Ms. Conkerton replies that she will request the owner change the color of LED lights from red to white to tone down the signs. Commissioner Overstreet suggested the sign on the south side of the building be centered between rather than above the two (2) doors. This will take making the sign smaller in size.

Ms. Conkerton informed the Commission this business would like to open in 30 days-45 days. It was suggested that an accurate drawing of exactly what is being approved be submitted. Commissioner Phillips suggested these changes be done and the Commission be notified via email. Katrina Hourin will get new submittal to all Commission members as soon as it arrives.

Commissioner Phillips asked Ms. Conkerton to amend the COA to provide the front door sign to remain as is. The sign on the south side of the building is to be no larger than ten (10) feet six (6) inches by two (2) feet nine (9) inches and be centered between the far East door on the South side and not cover the transom.

There being no further questions or comments from the public or the Commission a motion was made by Commissioner Overstreet to approve the amended Certificate of Appropriateness to make the noted changes in the lighting, color and size of the sign. Commissioner Bailey seconded the motion.

All present voting Aye except for Commissioner Gottshall who voted Nay

The motion for a Certificate of Appropriateness was approved for property located at 319 North Lamar.

Public Hearing for Case #89-COA for property located at 1005 Jackson Avenue East –

There being no representative present tonight, a motion was made to table until the next meeting.

Commission Bailey made a motion to table until the next meeting and Commissioner Gottshall seconded.

Public Hearing for Case #90-COA for property located at 302A South 11th Street- Jason Plunk appeared requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for his business for property located at 302A South 11th Street. Mr. Plunk would like to put vinyl lettering (indicating Taylor Pub) on the existing awning. The vinyl will be one color. The background would be black with white letters. Mr. Plunk agreed to meet with Randy Barber to make sure he sign complied with the sign ordinance. Any changes to the awning would also require approval from the owners of the property, the Presbyterian Church before installing the sign. The sign will not be lit and not seen well at night. Virginia Pence suggested inverting the lettering-a white background with black lettering to make it more visible.

Commissioner Phillips suggested the Certificate of Appropriateness be amended to be approved as is or inverted. Commissioner Gottshall made a motion to approve the amended COA. Commissioner Pryor seconded.

All present voting Aye

The motion for the amended Certificate of Appropriateness was approved for property located at 302A South 11th Street.

Public Hearing for Case #91-COA for property located at 1208 Harrison Avenue- Sandy Bubrig appeared requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for her business on property located at 1208 Harrison Avenue. Ms. Bubrig is asking for a wall mounted plaque to be installed on the north side of the building where bolts from a previous sign currently remain. The plaque would be 15 inches by 30 inches and would be black with metallic gold letters.

Commissioner Pryor made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 1208 Harrison Avenue. Commissioner Gotshall seconded the motion.

All present voting Aye

The motion for the Certificate of Appropriateness was approved.

Commissioner Pryor inquired about parking being taken away from the square and replaced with landscaping. Ms. Hourin informed the Commission it would have to come before this Commission before it could happen.

The meeting was adjourned.