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## Historic District Commission

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### Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2019

Members present: Rhonda Dempster, Marguerite Erwin and Danielle Stein

Members absent: Ryan Dicharry and Skipper Holloway

Also Present: Roland Soignet, Jr. Zoning Administrator & Asst. Public Works Director, and Liz Guidry, Secretary

Ms. Stein called the meeting to order.

Ms. Erwin moved to accept the minutes as presented for the April 11, 2019 meeting, the motion was seconded by Ms. Dempster. All board members present were in favor.

The commissioners reviewed the proposed 6,880 sq. ft. elevated addition to Lafourche Parish Library building located at 705 W. 5th Street. Ms. Laura Sanders of 314 St. Mary St. gave an overview of the project to the commissioners. They were attempting to relax the feel of the library, give the adults their own section away from the noise and to put more small study rooms for students when Nicholls is closed. A lengthy discussion ensued covering topics such as entrances, parking, awning design and colors of the window frames, awnings and exterior stucco. Motion was made by Ms. Erwin that the commission approve the addition with the condition that the window frame colors be changed from silver to something resembling dark bronze, that the awning design mimic the existing and the stucco be a darker color than stark white, the motion was seconded by Ms. Stein, all members present were in favor.

The commissioners reviewed the proposed window replacements on duplex apartment located at 1049 & 1051 Jackson Street and concluded that the replacements windows were better than what they have now. A motion to approve the replacements was made by Ms. Erwin and seconded by Ms. Stein, all members present were in favor.

The commissioners reviewed the proposed 6' brick fence construction on lot located at 502 St. Louis Street. Mr. Thomas Lasseigne came forward and gave an overview of the project. Mr. Soignet noted that his proposed fencing would be like an "L" shaped wall. Ms. Erwin expressed concerns about possible visibility issues. Mr. Soignet assured them there would be no issues with visibility. Ms. Erwin motioned to approve the brick fence construction, it was seconded by Ms. Stein, all members present were in favor.

The commissioners reviewed a grant application submitted by Stephen and Mary Keyes for property located at 509 St. Philip Street. The property is a multi-use space currently and essentially they want to do exterior work which would include balcony iron work replacement, new awnings with matching brackets under the balcony, lighting, replace existing stucco with bricks, install an iron railing to the front door, iron work on the side safety gate and then some small iron work at the bottom of the structure between the foundation pillars. Ms. Stein noted that she asked him for pictures of what he proposed to do however he didn't have any yet but planned to do research to have some prior to the final application deadline. Ms. Stein also asked if they had historical photos of the building but they didn't. Ms. Erwin expressed she was fine with those changes but they needed to make sure the lighting was historic in look and they would need renditions of what he was going to do. Ms. Stein indicated that if they didn't have their approval from us which could come after they submit their application, she could send something with it saying we have reviewed it and that we were consulting and making these recommendations but were waiting on information so that way they could still get it in. Ms. Erwin commented if they were there to help him get approved then they should make those recommendations to him to make any adjustments necessary before he submits to Baton Rouge.

Ms. Stein informed them that Louisiana Main Street no longer had a design person and that they were possible hiring somebody to do economic development instead. Ms. Stein indicated that she had been emailing Ray and he was having to do everything. She asked if they wanted her to consult with Ray and come up with something. Ms. Dempster suggested she could inform him of their dilemma and if he could possibly get them a picture or illustration of something that they could present to the applicant. Ms. Stein commented if we have no reference, she would see what she could do and get back with them.

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting was adjourned.