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## Historic District Commission

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### Meeting Minutes January 9, 2020

Members present: Danielle Stein, Rhonda Dempster, Murray Dennis, Marguerite Knight Erwin and Skipper Holloway

Members absent: None

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

Ms. Stein called the meeting to order.

Mr. Holloway moved to accept the minutes as presented for the November 21, 2019 meeting, the motion was seconded by Ms. Dempster. All board members present were in favor.

Ms. Stein noted the item on the agenda was to review exterior renovations to building located at 527 Jackson Street for Ryan Dicharry Construction. Ms. Stein noted in the packet we received it shows that they want to change out the windows, paint the exterior of the building and it states the type of windows they are replacing them with, the color of the paint and all of the fascia would remain the same. They're replacing the column on the front with a rough cut timber and has pictures of the windows with the floor plan included. Ms. Dempster asked if the windows were similar to what they asked the library to do to make them look like old panes... Mr. Holloway noted it probably was but the muttons may be on the interior of the glass, he didn't see any problem with it and the frames may be fiberglass or aluminum coated wood so it doesn't rot. Ms. Dempster asked Mr. Soignet if they were going to leave the stucco. Mr. Soignet stated he would assume so since it is still on the picture that he provided. Ms. Stein noted it says existing stucco to remain, so they are probably just painting the stucco with alabaster with tan and grey accents and fascia will remain the existing color. Ms. Stein stated she didn't have any questions or concerns it just looks like they are sprucing it up. Ms. Dempster stated nothing stands out that would be not conforming to the Historic District. Ms. Dennis stated she read it and she felt like everything was fine. Ms. Dempster moved to approve their submitted application for renovations to the exterior of the building, the motion was seconded by Ms. Dennis, all members present were in favor.

Ms. Stein asked if there was any further business to discuss. Ms. Mona Champagne came forward and stated she lives at 211 Fairfield Dr. and her son in law lives at 616 Canal Boulevard and their insurance company notified him that he needed to change the roof on the home and gave them less than 30 days to figure this out or risk losing insurance coverage. She stated she didn't even know that they had a Historic District and just asked by chance because they had so many old buildings in the area. Mr. Soignet noted that it was right next to Caillouet's office. Ms. Champagne replied she had photos of the roof, it hadn't been changed, wasn't leaking and wasn't in a state of disrepair. It was old, asphalt shingles and they didn't want to remove that, all they wanted to do is place one on top of it. Mr. Holloway stated code wise if it has one roof you are able to put another one on top. Ms. Champagne replied it has one roof. Mr. Holloway stated you can't do it again later so at a later date when you do change it, it is going to be more money to pull everything off. Ms. Champagne replied that was why we're asking to put a metal roof, we don't want to change it at a later date, we just want it to be long term. Ms. Stein asked what color they had in mind. Ms. Champagne replied they didn't care, pick a color. Ms. Dempster asked what the warranty was on that type of metal. Ms. Champagne noted they say it's a lifetime warranty since it's a baked on Sherman Williams and she actually owns industrial buildings that have been there over 30 years that are still the same color. Ms. Dempster stated she thought they needed to make sure that there are certain color rules that we wouldn't want to see there. Mr. Holloway stated just looking at it with the surrounding area, most have black with gray type shingles so not to compete with it, but from what he was looking at this garnish slate or charcoal gray would blend in. Ms. Champagne noted she liked the dark grays and the house was trimmed out in gray, black and white so it would match and wouldn't mind using a lighter color because it would fade less. Ms. Dempster asked what the time frame was that you all have to... Ms. Champagne replied 11 days but I already deal with Custom Corrugated and they could put a rush in for me and he is actually in building maintenance so we would do it ourselves. She had a whole crew that was working down the bayou building a campground marina and was gong to take people from there and bring them here to fix the roof, clean it up and get it done. Ms. Stein asked if there was a motion to accept the proposed re-roofing, the motion was made by Mr. Holloway noting that the preferred colors were the ones that had a red asterisk, the motion was seconded by Ms. Dempster, all members were in favor.

There being nothing further to discuss, meeting adjourned.