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## Historic District Commission

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### Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2025

Members present: Cody Blanchard, Rhonda Dempster, Marguerite Erwin, Lance Ledet, & Trey Ledet

Members absent: None

Also Present: Monique Reulet, Public Works Executive Secretary; Sonya Cabrera, Public Works Secretary; Josh Bourgeois, Public Works Director; Trey Waguespack, Assistant Public Works Director; Kevin Clement, Mayor

Blanchard called the meeting to order.

Erwin moved to accept the minutes presented for the February 4, 2025 meeting. The motion was seconded by L. Ledet, all Commission members were in favor, motion carried 5 to 0, with 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

Blanchard introduced the first item on the agenda – to review proposal by Noel Lee Warren for carport remodel, exterior painting and shutter installation at 606 St Philip Street.

Noel Lee Warren, 606 St Philip Street, was present to represent her proposal. She stated that she did not know she needed a review by the Historic District Commission, as she did not find sufficient information online. She added that she felt there was an inconsistency in enforcing this. Her neighbors had done work to their home and did not get a review by the Historic District, but they reported her.

She explained that the carport work began a few years ago, but it is permitted. She also intends to install Bahama shutters, similar to others in the area, and the paint color is her preference, but it is a historic color.

Blanchard assured Warren that she was not being targeted. He noted that there were faults, but the Commission has been working on improving guidelines and spreading awareness. Erwin noted that the carport looks better now with the detail that Warren added. Dempster clarified the color choice for the house, trim and shutters. Blanchard asked if she would be doing a replacement of the cypress siding, and Warren said no - it was just going to be painted. T. Ledet asked if all the windows would have shutters, and Warren said it would only be the windows on the sides of the house. Erwin asked about the color of the shutters, and Warren explained that it is a powder color created by Sherwin Williams.

Erwin noted that they now have set monthly meetings, and they hope everyone will come to the Commission for review. Warren stated she is in full support of the Commission, but her issue was with the stop work order she received, and the fact that someone reported her. She then asked if she would need a paint permit. Public Works Executive Secretary Monique Reulet stated that she would not need a permit, but she would receive a 'Certificate of Appropriateness' from the Commission.

Erwin made a motion to approve the proposal by Noel Lee Warren for carport remodel, exterior painting and shutter installation at 606 St Philip Street.

The motion was seconded by Dempster all Commission members were in favor, motion carries 5 to 0, with 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

In other business, Mayor Kevin Clement stepped forward to apologize to Warren and assured her that she was not singled out. He added that the Commission is working to be more consistent. Blanchard echoed the Mayors' sentiment and thanked Warren for coming before the Commission.

Commission members discussed the guidelines that they had been provided with, and Blanchard asked if they could add something to the next agenda to discuss proposed revisions to the guidelines.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:23p.m.