

Foley Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2009

I. Call to order

Chairperson Hollis called to order the meeting of the Foley Historical Commission at 1:00 pm on 12/14/2009 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Chairperson Carlyne Hollis, Ms. Bonnie Donaldson, Mr. Lewis Newlan, Mr. Jack Purser, Ms. Barbara Ingram, and Ms. Barbara Wagner. Others Present: Mr. Samuel Tyson, Ms. Miriam Boutwell, Mr. Chuck Lay and Ms. Jessica Nelson.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

There was a motion by Ms. Bonnie Donaldson and a second by Ms. Barbara Ingram to approve the minutes from the 11/24/2009 meeting. There were none opposed and the minutes were approved.

IV. Committee Reports

a) Staff reported that they are currently researching the proposed fee schedule for the Historical Commission and will report at the next meeting.

V. Informational Items

- a) D. Nassar, The Green Ant- 109 S McKenzie St. Staff approved new signage.
- b) W. Baggett, Hairy Situation- 215 E Laurel Ave. Staff approved new Signage.

VI. Old Business

- a) None

VII. Consideration of Applications

- a) S. Hafer, USA Pawn- 416 N McKenzie Street- Request to repaint yellow. Mr. Samuel Tyson was present to represent the applicant. He stated that USA Pawn rents the building from Volunteer Investments of Knoxville. Mr. Lewis Newlan stated that he understands that a notice has been sent to every property owner and lessee and that the Historical Commission is bound by the Design Guidelines. He referenced page 12, section E of the Design Guidelines that discusses Paint Color and Placement. He further noted that the building is not currently compatible with these Guidelines and there is nothing to indicate that the current color is historically accurate. They should have come before the Foley Historical Commission

before repainting the building. Ms. Barbara Wagner noted that the purpose of the Commission is to bring the District into harmony and improve it for the whole downtown community. Mr. Lewis Newlan also noted that painting over windows and doors is prohibited. He noted that if they are not in use that the Design Guidelines' allow the inside to be painted black. Chairperson Hollis stated that she hears consensus that the applicant needs to select a preapproved color and correct the windows. Mr. Lewis Newlan made a motion that the application be denied due to nonconformance with the Design Guidelines and that staff take the necessary actions needed. Mr. Jack Purser seconded the motion and the vote passed unanimously.

VIII. New business

- a) Staff discussed revisions to the Design Guidelines. A motion was made by Mr. Lewis Newlan for the revisions to be completed by staff in house. Ms. Barbara Wagner seconded the motion and the vote passed unanimously.
- b) Mr. Jack Purser made a motion that the Foley Historical Commission send a recommendation to Council that to apply for two grants from the Department of the Interior, one for registration to correct discrepancies on the National Register listing and the second to help with Commission training and related expenses. Both grants require a 20% match. The vote passed unanimously on a second by Ms. Barbara Ingram.
- c) Chairperson Hollis appointed Ms. Barbara Ingram to assist staff with the grant application.

IX. Visitor Comments

- a) None.

X. Adjournment

Chairperson Hollis asked if there was any further business. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm.

Minutes submitted by: _____

Jessica Nelson, Recording Secretary