

Historic Preservation District Commission

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Call to order

Ms. Haveman called the meeting to order .

Present: Commissioners: Ed Kimball, Susan Danielson, Jeff Bernard, Ann Haveman ; Administrator: Louise Kidd; and Secretary: Kathy Reeves

Absent: Commissioner: Mike Pulaski

New Business

A. New Chairman

Ms. Kidd said since the Chairman, Mr. Hijuelos had resigned and the Vice Chairman, Mr. Pulaski was absent, the first order of business should be to elect a new Chairman.

Ms. Danielson moved that Ms. Haveman be nominated for the position of Chairman, and it was seconded by Mr. Kimball. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Nov. 21, 2013 minutes: Mr. Bernard asked that the minutes reflect the resignation of the Chairman, Mr. Hijuelos and his much appreciated thank you from the Commission. With these changes, Mr. Bernard moved to approve the minutes, Mr. Kimball seconded, and the motion was carried.

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

A. Administrator’s Report: Ms. Kidd reported that there was one (1) Certificate of Appropriateness approved and issued for 2434 Mathis.

Design Review was currently looking at two (2) applications for new residential construction. The plan for 146 Lafitte would be amended to reflect a lower structure and with either dropping the fireplace down or removing it all together. The plan for 614 Marigny would need a landscape and courtyard plan to better show case the offset front door. These would be presented for approval at a later meeting.

Reports of Special Committees

A. Guideline’s Committee: Mr. Bernard stated that he and Becky Rohrbough had worked through most of the guidelines, leaving off at the signage and lighting area.

Ms. Rohrbough wanted to point out that in the draft of guidelines, they inserted, “ Special Consideration: FEMA Elevation Requirements” under Porches, Stairs and Railings. This section must be written, as there is no template for it.

Ms. Kidd stated that the State Office of Historic Preservation had contracted with URS to do guidelines for the elevation of structures within a historic district. Their office is out of Baton Rouge and will work closely with the City.

Ms. Haveman welcomed guests Mayor Donald Villere and Council Member Clay Madden to the meeting.

Unfinished Business

There is nothing more at this time.

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New Business

Mr. Bernard welcomed new Commissioner, Mr. Ed Kimball.

Ms. Haveman, Mr. Kimball and Mr. Bernard said that they would be attending the Historic Camp in Ponchatoula this coming Saturday, January 18th. Ms. Kidd said that this would satisfy the educational requirement for the Commissioners as needed for the CLG (Certified Local Government).

A. Election of New Chairman: Ms. Haveman was elected as stated earlier in the meeting.

B. Discussion of Historic Preservation representation on Design Review: Mr. Bernard stated that there is a need for the Historic Preservation District Commission to be represented at the Design Review meetings. He had contacted a retired architect Mr. Stewart Farnet, who lived in the Mandeville area and was interested in joining the Design Review Committee. Mr. Farnet had historic preservation experience while working with the French Quarter Vieux Carre.

Announcements

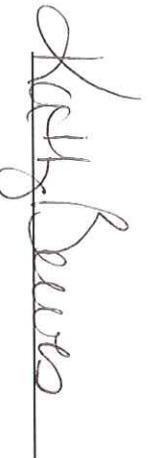
Ms. Haveman confirmed that the next meeting was February 20th at 6:30pm.

Ms. Rohrbough wanted to make everyone aware that the property known as “The Rest A While” at 2129 Lakeshore Drive was for sale and had a potential buyer. This property is listed on the Sally Reeves Survey as “1-Statewide Importance”. Ms. Haveman stated that the plans of the new buyer would go before Planning and Zoning unless it was demolition or relocation, which would then be heard by the HPDC.

Ms. Rohrbough suggested everyone read up on the tax incentives by both the State and Federal government for taking on Historic projects. Mr. Bernard said that as a banker, he was working with a project in the French Quarter that was utilizing some of these historic tax credits. One of the people that he was working with is in the business of buying and selling these tax credits and is willing to come over to Mandeville and give a talk. Ms. Kidd said that was a great idea and that it could be set up at the Trailhead on a Saturday depending on his schedule. Mr. Bernard would check with him for his availability.

Adjournment

Mr. Bernard moved to adjourn, Ms. Danielson seconded. The meeting was adjourned.



Kathy Reeves, Secretary



Ann Haveman, Chairman