

**Historic Preservation District Commission**

**Public Hearing –February 18, 2016**

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Call to order

Mr. Bernard- Chairman-Protemp, called the meeting to order.

Commissioners- Present: Jeff Bernard, Susan Danielson, Laura Van Huss and Ed Kimball

Absent: Mike Pulaski

Administrator: Louise Scott; Secretary: Kathy Reeves

**Approval of Minutes**

1). January 21, 2016- Mr. Kimball made a motion to approve the minutes, Ms. Danielson seconded. There were no objections, minutes were approved.

**Reports of Officers, Boards and Standing Committees**

Ms. Scott stated there were no new reports to be presented.

**Unfinished Business**

1). HC16-01-01: Request to demolish 727 Coffee

Mr. Bernard stated the request was tabled from last meeting of January 21, 2016.

Ms. Scott said there was additional information submitted that broke down the floor plan. It outlined the original house in green, the unknown date addition was in blue and the porch that was built in 2002. There were additional pictures that were submitted for review. Ms. Scott read from Ordinance 12-32 that was adopted for the Historic District.

Section 7-13, part C “Demolition and/or relocation of buildings located within the Mandeville Historic Preservation District.

1). Demolition of “Significant” buildings, structures and landmarks requires the approval of the Commission. In considering an application for the demolition of such building, landmark or structure in the District, the following shall be considered:

- a) The historic or architectural significance of the building
- b) The importance of the building to the collective character and function “tout ensemble” of the District
- c) The special character and aesthetic interest that the building adds to the District
- d) The difficulty or impossibility of reproducing such a building because of its design, texture, material or detail
- e) The future utilization of the site

2). Demolition or relocation of “Contributing” buildings, structures and landmarks is discouraged and every effort should be made to restore historic context which might have been altered.

Ms. Scott stated she wanted to point out the differences since 727 Coffee was rated “Contributing” on the survey.

Mr. Bernard asked if everyone had a chance to go out to the property.

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Mr. Shelton stated he thought Mr. Bernard was the only Commissioner that went through the inside. Mr. Shelton also pointed out the original parts of the house. He also said he had someone who was interested in moving the house but it seemed like the two (2) pine trees presented a barrier.

Mr. Bernard said the house was “contributing” in scale, keeping with the “tout ensemble” but may fall into the category of radically altered. There was not much mill work or architectural details.

Ms. Danielson felt the original house was still there, the roof line, context of the neighborhood and the property it sat on.

Mr. Sheldon stated that based on what the engineer’s report said made him liable if he does not make the repairs. He also stated the house was in the flood zone and needed to be elevated one and a half (1&1/2) feet.

Ms. Danielson made a motion to deny HC15-06-02, demolition request of 727 Coffee. Mr. Kimball seconded the motion.

Voting roll call:

- 1) Ed Kimball -for
- 2) Jeff Bernard -against
- 3) Susan Danielson – for
- 4) Laura VanHuss-for

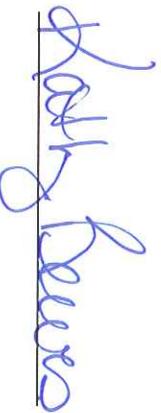
Motion was carried to deny HC15-06-02 demolition request.

**Announcements**

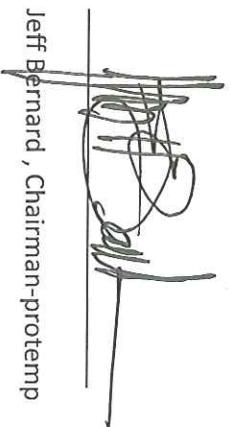
Mr. Bernard stated the next meeting would be March 17, 2016.

Mr. Bernard asked that the next meeting agenda include a discussion of “demolition by neglect”. He also asked for help on the RFP for the guidelines. Ms. Scott suggested creating a committee.

Mr. Kimball made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Danielson seconded, motion was approved.



Kathy Reeves, Secretary



Jeff Bernard, Chairman-protemp