

Historic Preservation District Commission

Public Hearing –August 2, 2017

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Call to order

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

Commissioners- Present: Jeff Bernard, Jason Zuckerman, Richard Adamiak,  
and John Crane

Absent: Jill McGuire and Susan Danielson

Administrator: Louise Scott; Secretary: Kathy Reeves

**New Business**

1). HC17-08-06: Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior modifications to 448 Lafitte

Mr. Bernard said the meeting tonight was for the application of a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior modifications to 448 Lafitte.

Ms. Scott started the power point with a Cox McClain survey sheet showing the main structure as contributing (it was not on the Sally Reeves survey). Ms. Scott had photos of the exterior. She also included a case summary put together by Vaughan Sollberger, architect for the project. It gave some general back ground such as the approximate age was eighty (80) to ninety (90)years old. The property was located in the B-3 zone and below base flood elevation by approximately six (6) inches.

Mr. Sollberger started his presentation with the scope of work that would be necessary to make the building “weather tight”. He also stated all the windows would be kept the same, they would be cleaned , wood mulleins scraped,glazed and there would be some replacement of glass. He also stated all the doors would remain in place, they would be cleaned and sealed. Mr. Sollberger commented the siding was in somewhat good shape and needed only some patchwork. The brick, he said, would be painted, giving the building a monochromatic look. They also intended some light landscaping to frame the building.

Mr. Adamiak stated the structure had originally Sharp Motor Company. Mr. Zuckerman asked if there would be any new openings or windows to the building. Mr. Sollberger stated no, that where the food truck would be parked to serve food thru existing windows. Mr. Bernard said the parapet looked a little thicker on the sides and hoped they were able to save as much of the original glass. Mr. Crane was glad to see the building being saved and put back into commerce. Mr. Zuckerman also said the project looked great, keeping it the same.

Mr. Bernard asked for any public comment, which there was none. Mr. Bernard made a motion to approve HC17-08-06, certificate of appropriateness for exterior modifications to 448 Lafitte. Mr. Zuckerman seconded.

Row Call:

Mr. Zuckerman- For

Mr. Bernard-For

Mr. Adamiak-For

Mr. Crane-For

The vote was unanimous and a majority, the motion was approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Zuckerman gave an update to the RFP. He stated he would be meeting with Angela Morton, president of AIA, American Institute of Architects, to discuss the RFP that was sent out. He said he would report back after their meeting. Ms. Scott said the money for RFP was going back in the budget and asked the Commissioners to attend or talk to the City Council to keep the money in the budget.

Mr. Crane wanted to start a discussion on how to address “demo by neglect”, so to get ahead of it instead of a “reactive” body process. Ms. Scott said there was no language for this, but hoped to get with the new City attorneys. She had asked SHPO to send her what other CLG’s had.

Mr. Crane also was concerned about the brick ditches that were on Carroll and Jefferson. Mr. Adamiak said they are four (4) foot brick lined ditches that the fire trucks would fill water up from. Ms. Scott said the Commission could send a resolution to the City Council to express their concerns of protecting this area. Mr. Crane asked if the Commission could make this a landmark, which Ms. Scott replied only if the history could be documented.

Ms. Scott said the Commission could put a notice on the water bill for September concerning the location of wells. Mr. Adamiak asked for the next agenda to include discussion on landmarks, wells and ponds.

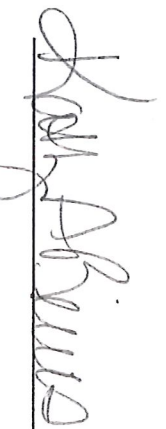
Mr. Bernard asked if the public had any comments. Ms. Julie Bolyard, 245 Carroll, stated she does not want to see the brick lined ditches be removed, for culverts and sidewalks, as they are in front of her house and serve history and keeps the water flowing. Mr. Zuckerman said putting sidewalks change the streetscape and character and expressed interest in passing a resolution of this concern. Mr. David Bolyard, 245 Carroll, felt the sidewalks just make more parking spots.

Mr. Zuckerman made a motion to send a resolution to City Council, expressing concern about street renovations on Carroll Street, specifically the brick lined ditches that may have historic value. That the Council take the HPDC concerns in consideration when doing any projects. Mr. Bernard seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

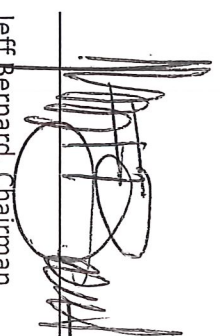
Mr. Adamiak wanted to point out that using goggle maps, looking at Carroll and Lakeshore, he could see the old trolley tracks. Mr. Crane asked that on the agenda for next time there be a discussion concerning “streetscapes”.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Bernard made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Zuckerman seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

  
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Kathy Reeves, Secretary

  
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Jeff Bernard, Chairman