

Historic Preservation District Commission

Public Hearing –October 17, 2013

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Call to order

Mr. Hijuelos called the meeting to order .

Present: Commissioners: Frank Hijuelos, Susan Danielson, Jeff Bernard, Ann Haveman ; Administrator: Louise Kiddy; and Secretary: Kathy Reeves

Absent: Commissioner: Mike Pulaski

Approval of Minutes

Sept. 19, 2013 minutes: Ms. Haveman moved to approve the minutes, Mr. Bernard seconded, and motion was carried.

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

Chairman Frank Hijuelos stated that he would be resigning at the next meeting. He was moving to Slidell for family obligations.

a. Design Review: Ms. Kidd stated that Design Review looked at 733 Marigny Avenue, which was a rear addition. It was issued a COA. They also looked at 2032 Jefferson, which was an elevation project. The permit was issued, but needed additional information showing the piers as they related to the porch and stairs. The new residential construction for 1605 Lakeshore Drive was approved.

There were two properties in discussions with Design Review. The first was a double at 117-119 Girod. It had been vacant since Hurricane Katrina. It had vinyl siding and was listed on the Sally Reeves Survey as contributing. The owner had struggled trying to find the resources to restore it or sell it. Mr. Ryan was an interested party that had come in to see what his options were. The other was 2142 and 2146 Monroe Street. Both were listed on the survey as unrated. The potential owner was thinking of preserving the main house structure and demolishing the newer, more industrial building. Mr.Hijuelos told the Commissioners to take a look at this property and let Ms. Kidd know if they had any issues with the demolition request.

Reports of Special Committees

a. Guideline’s Committee: Mr. Bernard stated that he and Becky Rohrbough had been working on the guidelines. Mr. Hijuelos said that he hoped there would be a draft for the new guidelines by the next meeting.

b. Other: Mr. Hijuelos and Ms. Rohrbough met with Sal Nash of Progressive Iron Company. Mr. Nash had prepared a cost estimate for restoring and recreating the fence for 1729 Lakeshore Drive.

Mr. Hijuelos pointed out some of his concerns. One was that if the fence doesn’t go back up, it should not be destroyed, but preserved someplace else. If so, what would go in its place? The owner could go with a less expensive fence but what would the design be.

Unfinished Business

Discussion on amendments to Ordinance 12-32: Mr. Hijuelos said that he, Mr. Pulaski and Ms. Kidd would be meeting with the City Attorney, Mr. Deano to go over these amendments.

New Business

There is none at this time.

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Mr. Hijuuelos confirmed that the next meeting is November 21, 2013 at 6:30pm.

Adjournment

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



Kathy Reeves, Secretary



Frank Hijuuelos, Chairman