

Historic Preservation District Commission

Public Hearing –January 21, 2016

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Call to order

Mr. Pulaski –Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Commissioners- Present: Jeff Bernard, Susan Danielson, Laura Van Huss and Mike Pulaski

Absent: Ed Kimball

Administrator: Louise Scott; Secretary: Kathy Reeves

Approval of Minutes

- 1). August 20, 2015- Mr. Bernard made a motion to approve the minutes, Ms. Van Huss seconded. There were no objections, minutes were approved.
- 2). October 15, 2015- Mr. Bernard made a motion to approve the minutes, Ms. Danielson seconded. There were no objections, minutes were approved.
- 3). December 2, 2015- Mr. Bernard made a motion to approve the minutes, Ms. Van Huss seconded. There were no objections, minutes were approved.

Reports of Officers, Boards and Standing Committees

Ms. Scott reported that Ordinance 15-36, Ordinance to adopt the City of Mandeville Historic Resources Survey prepared by Cox McClain Environmental dated 2015, was adopted January 14, 2016 by the City Council.

Unfinished Business

Ms. Scott asked that the Commissioners start looking and identifying “Landmarks”. The Commission would hold a public meeting and then make a recommendation to the City Council to adopt them.

Ms. Scott stated that she would send the Commissioners a RFP (Request For Proposal) sample so they could work on the RFP for HPD design guidelines.

New Business

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

Ms. Scott stated that Mr. Shelton, Statewide Realty LLC, submitted an application to demolish the house at 727 Coffee . She presented the mostly interior pictures that were submitted. It was listed on the Cox McClain survey as “Contributing”.

Mr. Shelton started his presentation by saying he purchased the property after Katrina. He also presented a “General conditions and structural assessment report” dated January 6, 2016 by Mr. Kenneth Schexnaydre, Professional Engineer. The total estimated cost of repairs was \$81,000 (eighty-one thousand dollars). He also stated that the house was below base flood and would need to be raised. He submitted examples of potential new house designs.

Mr. Pulaski made a motion to table the demolition request until the next meeting, February 18th and that the Commissioners make an effort to see and walk the property. Mr. Bernard seconded the motion. All Commissioners were in favor , the motion was carried.

Announcements

Mr. Pulaski stated the next meeting would be February 18, 2016.

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Adjournment

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

Mr. Pulaski asked that the meeting reconvene to allow Mr. Bernard to make a statement on the record.

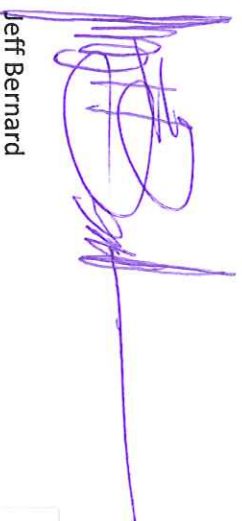
Mr. Bernard wanted to state for the record, he felt the Commission should have consistent criteria to base their demolition request decisions. Ms. Scott agreed that it would help the Commission not to be arbitrary. She said she would check with SHPO to see if they had a resource for demolition criteria. Ms. Van Huss stated she would check her resources as well.

Mr. Pulaski asked the Commission to start putting together an Ordinance for “Demolition by Neglect” that could be presented to the City Council to adopt .

Mr. Bernard made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Danielson seconded and with all in favor the meeting was adjourned.



Kathy Reeves, Secretary



Jeff Bernard

Chairman Pro-temp

