

**CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs, LOUISIANA
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
JANUARY 6, 2020**

Members Present: Chairman Sharon Gahagan, Jared Dunahoe, Dr. Virginia Crossno, Dr. Steve Horton, Melissa Robinson & Marion Salter

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Juanita Fowler

Chairman Gahagan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at 560 Second Street at the Natchitoches Municipal Building. A quorum was established. A motion was made by Mrs. Salter and seconded by Mrs. Robinson to approve of the minutes of the December 2, 2019 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. 01-06-01 Audrey Villarreal – Venezia’s Garden Italian Restaurant (1125 Washington St.) Signage

Romulus Roquemore presented the application. Mr. Roquemore stated the sign will be on a white background with red and black lettering. The sign will be placed at the existing location. He stated the sign will measure 4’ x 8’ and be double sided.

Mr. Dunahoe made a motion to approve the application. Dr. Crossno seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

B. 01-06-02 Brown Properties (136 Second St.) Roof Replacement

Steve Brown presented the application. Mr. Brown stated that the roof will be replaced with CertainTeed Architectural Shingle in the Georgetown Gray color.

Dr. Crossno made a motion to approve the application. Mrs. Robinson seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

C. 01-06-03 Cheryl Dupree – The Good House (314 Poete St.) Window Replacement

Cheryl Dupree presented the application. She responded to questions from the Commission relative to why she had not presented an application. Mrs. Dupree stated that the Commission meeting had taken place in July and that she had guests coming in. She purchased the property in 2018. The condition of the windows was identified at that point. She went to Mr. Russell, her contractor. He told her he would do the work but three months went by. He was working on another house.

Mrs. Dupree stated she did not want to change out any windows. She has been caulking and painting the windows and if previous owners would have done that the windows would have been in better shape.

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Chairman Gahagan stated that in the guidelines there is a section about second story windows. The single pane windows are not at all indigenous to the historic style of the building.

Mrs. Dupree stated that there were single pane windows before. There was one big window. She questioned what is different.

Mrs. Salter stated that the windows are single pane. They have no mullions.

Mrs. Dupree stated she could not find similar windows.

Mrs. Salter stated they are out there. Mullions can be made. The structure is such an important one in the District and that one point on the front has been totally changed.

Mrs. Dupree asked about making a frame over the windows that look like the original window with all the mullions because she could not find them in New Orleans.

Chairman Gahagan stated that according to the guidelines snap in mullions that would be on the interior are not allowed.

Mr. Dunahoe asked how the matter came before the Commission and if someone with the City noticed the work being done or that it had been done and then contacted the homeowner or did she come to the Commission after the work was done.

Mrs. Salter stated that someone called her who was very concerned about it.

Mrs. Dupree stated that they also called about the paint which is the same paint that is on the house.

Mr. Dunahoe stated that his problem with it is that there are rules that everyone is asked to comply with and there is complete failure to comply with the rules and it is a time sensitive issue. He stated that what concerned him is that the work is being done and that Mrs. Dupree did not come to explain her time crunch. She knew the rules but chose not to follow them. The Commission cannot look at the rest of the people in our community and enforce the rules if it does not enforce the rules with everybody.

Mrs. Dupree stated that she listened to neighbors and she shouldn't have. She usually follows the rules.

Mrs. Salter made a motion to table the application to allow Mrs. Dupree and opportunity to speak with Anderson Windows to resolve the issue of the mullions. Mrs. Robinson seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

D. 01-06-04 D. Kendrick Scott (215 Williams Ave.) Signage

Jenny Massia presented the application. Mrs. Massia stated the sign will measure 11" x 24" and will be wooden with black lettering and graphics. The sign will be on metal support poles, double sided and will not have lighting.

Commission members asked if there is a sample of the metal support for the sign.

Mrs. Massia stated that she did not have a mockup of the metal support. It will be a scroll type bracket.

Mr. Dunahoe made a motion to approve the application with the stipulation the applicant return with the design for the post.

. Dr. Horton seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

E. 01-06-05 D. Kendrick Scott – Opus House (219 Williams Ave.) Signage

Jenny Massia presented the application. Mrs. Massia stated the sign will measure 11” x 24” and will be wooden with black lettering and graphics. The sign will be on existing sign support, double sided and it will not have lighting.

Dr. Crossno made a motion to approve the application. Mrs. Robinson seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Salter made a motion to amend the agenda to add application 01-06-06 by Barbara Strauss to the agenda. Dr. Crossno seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

A. 01-06-06 Barbara & Peter Strauss (216 Williams Ave.) Fence

Barbara Strauss presented the application. She requested approved to install an aluminum iron fence and gate instead of the board fence that was previously approved.

Mr. Dunahoe made a motion to approve the application. Mrs. Salter seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

Mr. Dunahoe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Salter seconded; the motion carried unanimously.