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Mayor and City Council
City of Foley
407 East Laurel Avenue
Foley, Alabama 36535

RE: Recommendation from Historical Commission

Dear Mayor Koniar and City Council Members:

The City of Foley Historical Commission held a regular meeting on August 14, 2012 and the following action was taken:

Agenda Item #: IV - Public Hearing on the possible revision of the Local Downtown Historic District.

Action Taken: Commissioner Arp made a motion to retain the local historical district as it exists today. Commissioner Dawson seconded the motion. Commissioners Purser and Donaldson voted aye. Commissioner Hollis abstained.

Motion to retain the local historical district as it exists today passed.

In addition Commissioner Dawson made a recommendation to the City Council to look at the possibility of some type of incentive program for the individuals in the historical district. Commissioner Donaldson seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to recommend to Mayor and Council to look at the possibility of some type of incentive program for the individuals in the historical district.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Melissa Ringler
Planning & Zoning Coordinator
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MAYOR: John E. Koniar

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: Michael L. Thompson

CITY CLERK: Vickey Southern

COUNCIL MEMBERS: J. Wayne Trawick: Vera Quaite: Ralph G. Hellmich: Cecil R. Blackwell: Charles Ebert III

Meeting Minutes
Council Chambers, 407 E. Laurel Avenue
Foley, Alabama
August 14, 2012
1:00 p.m.

I. Call to order:

Chairman Purser called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm.

Members in attendance were JaNay Dawson, Randy Arp, Jack Purser, Carolyn Hollis and Bonnie Donaldson. Staff attending were City Planner, Miriam Boutwell; Building Inspector, Chuck Lay; Office Assistant, Judy Schneider and Recording Secretary, Melissa Ringler.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Donaldson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2012 meeting. Commissioner Dawson seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2012 meeting carries.

II. Staff Approvals:

- Dr. Gene Terrezza-Request to install signage
316 S. McKenzie St.
Site # 76-Contributing
Approved by Chuck Lay

Chuck Lay explained the signage was a logo sign and met size requirements.

- Lauren James-Request to install signage
107-A W. Orange Av.
Site # 99 –Non- Contributing
Approved by Judy Schneider

Judy Schneider explained the sign was a wall logo sign and met size requirements.

- Paul Kahino-Request to replace doors
319 B & C N. McKenzie St.
Site # 30-Non- Contributing
Approved by Chuck Lay

Chuck Lay explained that the tenant is moving into the larger portion of the building and are taking out two garage doors and putting in two side swinging doors on the back of the building.

- III. Consideration of Applications:
Mike Hood-Anna Bananas
246 W. Laurel Av.
Site Number 91-Non-Contributing
47 x 27' trellis on top of fence

Chuck Lay explained that Anna Banana's is adding a trellis on top of their fence. He stated that they have already started on the trellis. He was unable to do a staff approval and recommended they come before the Historical Board.

- Commissioner Purser questioned:
Why they did not get an application to come before the board before the project was started.
- Mr. Tom Krekeler answered:
They came before the board a year and a half ago and the trellis was on the plans at that time. He stated that they assumed that the trellis was approved.

Commissioner Purser stated that we were dealing with specific things at that time and the trellis was not including in that approval.

- Commissioner Dawson questioned:
If they were still going to have ornamental iron work.
- Mr. Tom Krekeler answered:
That they are going to have ornamental iron work, it has been made but not installed.

Chuck Lay also stated that they are wanted to do an outdoor fireplace and that it is included with this application.

Commissioner Hollis made a motion to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness as requested. Commissioner Donaldson seconded the motion requesting to amend the motion to include the fireplace. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for the trellis and fireplace requested carries.

- IV. New Business:
- Public Hearing on the possible revision of the Local Downtown Historic District.

Commissioner Purser stated that letters were sent out showing the proposed national and local historical districts. He explained that what the commission

wanted to do is make a recommendation to City Council based on input from individuals affected by the proposed changes within the local and national historical district.

- Commissioner Purser questioned:
If we had gotten any written responses from the letters that were sent out.
- Judy Schneider answered:
There were no written responses received.

Mr. James Jones stated that he is concerned that the restrictions of being in the historical district will affect his building if he chooses to sell it later.

Commissioner Dawson responded that the commission has discussed the fact that the guidelines can be cumbersome. Our goal is to protect businesses and the downtown area. The Commissioners are here to make sure you do not lose anything and to preserve rather than be a burden.

Mr. Mike Hood stated that he would like to remain in the historical district and would like a historical marker to put on his building.

Miriam Boutwell stated at this time we do not have the historical markers. We are hoping to get a historical grant and purchase these in the future. She also stated that they could contact the county to request a historical marker.

- Ms. Cathy Higgins questioned:
In the last meeting the comment was made about giving incentives such as water, sewer, or trash discounts to the individuals that are in the historical district.
- Commissioner Donaldson responded:
That would have to be done by the City Council.

Mr. Wayne Hollis stated that he has spoken to people and they are fine with the local historical district but not the national historical district.

Miriam Boutwell explained that Mary Shell was at the last meeting and discussed that the local historical district has to be contiguous and you can't have bits and pieces. Mary Shell did state that you can call the state and request to be added to the national historical district.

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Commissioner Hollis made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Arp seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Meeting adjourned 1:52 pm