

Historical Commission Minutes

City of Foley Council Chambers
407 E. Laurel Ave.
Foley, Alabama

February 6, 2024

1:00 p.m.

I. Call to order

Chairman JaNay Dawson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. Roll call

Members present were: Chad Watkins, JaNay Dawson, Kathie LeDrew, Kim Ward and Bill Swanson. Absent members were: Jerry Morrison and Donna Turbyfill. Staff present were: Chuck Lay, Chief Building Inspector; Nathan Smith, Building Inspector; Eden Lapham, Planner 1 and Melissa Ringler, Recording Secretary.

III. Approval of Minutes

- Approve January 2, 2024 minutes as published

Commissioner Ward made a motion to approve the January 2, 2024 meeting minutes. Commissioner LeDrew seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to approve the January 2, 2024 meeting minutes passes.

IV. Staff Approvals

- Feast & Co. Catering & Bakery
Mary Garcia
116 W. Laurel Ave.
National District-Contributing
 - a. Request to replace awning
 - b. Request to add company name to store front window

Mr. Nathan Smith explained a staff approval was issued for the request to change out the current awning and to add the company name to the front window.

V. New Business

- Soul Bowlz
Taylor Hubbard
119 S. McKenzie St.
National District-Contributing
 - a. Request to install awning

Mr. Smith explained the request is to add an awning on the rear of the building. He stated a staff approval was not able to be done since there is not an existing awning.

Mr. Darrelyn Dunmore stated there are existing awning frames on the rear of the building.

Mr. Smith stated he did not notice the awning frames when he visited the site.

Chairman Dawson explained she sees no issues with the requested awning. She stated the addition of the awning will dress up the rear of the building.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the request to install an awning on the rear of the building. Commissioner LeDrew seconded the motion.

Motion to approve the request to install an awning on the rear of the building passes.

- DanMar Hospitality
Scuttlebutt Pub
319 N. McKenzie St.
National District- Non Contributing
 - a. Request to install free standing sign

Mr. Smith explained the item was tabled last month. He stated the applicant is present today to answer any questions the Commission has regarding the signage.

Mr. Daniel Cox stated his sign contractor was unable to attend the meeting today due to an illness. He explained the sign will be the exact technology and look as Yabba's signage.

Chairman Dawson asked if the background of the sign behind the letter will be illuminated.

Mr. Cox stated there will be lighting behind the entire sign panel.

Mr. Lay explained the letters will have lighting and the other portions of the signage will consist of translucent tape.

Commissioner Watkins stated his understanding is the entire sign will glow and the lettering will be raised. He explained he thinks the sign will be more opaque except for the lettering.

Mrs. Dunmore stated the question is will the red portion of the sign be glowing or opaque.

Mr. Cox explained the red and yellow portion of the sign will be more opaque and the white lettering will be translucent. He stated he can black out the red portion of the sign if needed.

Commissioner Watkins explained the signage is different from anything else we have downtown. He stated the challenge and goal is if everyone in the downtown area had this type of signage would it be ok. He stated he feels the red and black need to be blocked out and they need to allow everything else to glow throughout like channel letters. He stated that would allow just the words on the signage to pop.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the signage with the red and black background portions of the signage to be non-illuminated and to allow everything else on the signage to glow throughout like channel letters. Commissioner LeDrew seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to approve the signage with the red and black background portions of the signage to be non-illuminated and to allow everything else on the signage to glow throughout like channel letters passes.

VI. Façade Grant Recommendation

- Feast & Co. Catering & Bakery
Mary Garcia
116 W. Laurel Ave.
National District-Contributing

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to recommend the requested façade grant to the Mayor and Council. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to recommend the requested façade grant to the Mayor and Council passes.

VII. Monthly Discussion

- DE-CODING DOWNTOWN- Finding balance between regulation and revitalization from Main Street Alabama

Mrs. Dunmoore presented De-Coding Downtown.

VIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Swanson made a motion to adjourn at 1:57 p.m. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to adjourn at 1:57 p.m. passes.