

Historical Commission Minutes

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

January 2, 2024

1:00 p.m.

I. Call to order

Chairman JaNay Dawson called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

II. Roll call

Members present were: Jerry Morrison, JaNay Dawson, Kathie LeDrew and Kim Ward. Members absent were: Chad Watkins, Donna Turbyfill and Bill Swanson. Staff present were: Chuck Lay, Chief Building Inspector; Nathan Smith, Building Inspector and Amanda Cole, Acting Recording Secretary.

III. Approval of Minutes

- Approve December 5, 2023 minutes as published

Commissioner LeDrew made a motion to approve the December 5, 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Morrison seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to approve the December 5, 2023 meeting minutes passes.

IV. Staff Approvals

- Thrive Beauty
Cambri Radford
115 S. Alston St.
National District- Contributing
 - a. Repaint a portion of the exterior of the building
 - b. Repaint awnings

Chuck Lay stated the request was to paint the north side and the back of the building and to repaint the awnings. They are proposing to paint the building white with black for the awnings. The exterior of the building in those locations have been painted in the past.

V. New Business

- Checker Properties
200 E. Laurel Ave.
Local District- Non-Contributing
 - a. North frontage remove two windows and replace with glass double doors on west side
 - b. Replace awnings

Adam Spurgrel stated the property had a new owner now, it was A T Medical and Camellia Dermatology. Mr. Lay stated a previous approval from the Commission was done to allow double doors on the east side and they are now coming for approval to do the same on the west side, along with awnings.

Mr. Spurgrel stated they would also be coming back to the Commission for signage approval.

Commissioner Ward asked if the proposed awnings were aluminum.

Mr. Spurgrel stated yes.

Commissioner LeDrew stated these were the same kind of awnings that were previously approved by the Commission on the other side.

Chairman Dawson stated the façade rendering submitted only showed awnings above the door entrances, is that correct.

Mr. Spurgrel stated yes.

Chairman Dawson questioned the lightening that was shown on the renderings.

Mr. Spurgrel stated the lighting would be gooseneck lighting.

Chairman Dawson stated that is not what was shown in the renderings.

Chairman Dawson stated the letter that was submitted with the application states the renderings were provided for review. The Commission can split the motion to include separate motions for the doors and lights.

Mr. Spurgrel stated they only really needed to receive approval for the doors at this time. They are coming back for the signage so they can resubmit the lighting and bring more detailed drawings of the awnings also at that time.

Commissioner Morrison made a motion to approve the double doors. Based on the renderings alone any other work besides the double doors can't be approved at this time. The applicant will come back for the lighting and awnings at a later date. Commissioner LeDrew seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to approve the removal of 2 windows and replace with double doors on the west side of the building passes. Any other work can't be approved at this time.

Chairman Dawson made a motion saying other renderings that were submitted are examples only and can't be approved. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion saying any other renderings that were submitted are examples only and can't be approved passes.

- Scuttlebutt Pub
 - Dan Mar Hospitality
 - 319 N. McKenzie St.
 - National District- Non-Contributing
 - a. Request to install wall and free standing signage
 - b. Request to install exterior lighting

Mr. Lay stated this item was tabled last month and the applicant was asked to provide more information.

Commissioner LeDrew stated the applicant has done what the Commission has asked.

Darrellyn Dunmore questioned the channel letters that were suggested at the last meeting.

Chairman Dawson stated we needed to be careful of what the guidelines say. We are aware some lighting in the district was done prior to these guidelines. The guidelines need to remain consistent and we need to make note of the things that have been grandfathered.

The guidelines now say there should be no illuminated signs in the district.

Chairman Dawson stated the Commission did not need to send mixed signals to the citizens.

Commissioner LeDrew stated the request was for channel letters so he would need to come back if something else is going to be done.

Chairman Dawson stated the channel lighting on the Pine Street Park sign was the example we are looking at and reads the description of the sign being proposed by Mr. Cox.

Mr. Lay stated there will be no light going through the background of the sign only the letters will be lit up.

Chairman Dawson questions the description of the sign.

Mr. Lay stated his understanding was only the letters would be lit up.

Chairman Dawson asked if the wall sign on the building was going to be lit by goose neck lights.

Mr. Lay stated yes that is what is shown.

Chairman Dawson reads the sign guidelines.

Chairman Dawson stated while we want to work with the business that are moving into the area we also want to make sure we are projecting the image we want the Historical District to have.

Commissioner LeDrew made a motion to table the pole sign until we receive revised renderings with more description. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Chairman Dawson stated renderings of how the sign will look at night when lit would be helpful.

Motion to table the pole sign until revised renderings are received passes.

Commissioner LeDrew made a motion to approve the wall sign with the gooseneck lighting. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

Motion to approve the wall sign with gooseneck lighting passes.

VII. Monthly Discussion

Chairman Dawson asked staff to research if there was a time limit applicants had to start the work that was approved by the Commission.

Mrs. Dunmore stated she would like to do a presentation through Main Street Alabama showing the guidelines for downtown districts.

VIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Morrison made a motion to adjourn at 2:01 p.m. Commissioner Ward seconded the Motion. All commissioners voted aye.

Motion to adjourn at 2:01 p.m. passes.