



MINUTES

Historic District Commission Meeting

8:30 AM - Thursday, May 16, 2019

Board Chambers, 133 Convention Boulevard

Call to Order

Chairman Long Hua Xu called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Roll Call

Roll Call of the Board of Adjustments and Appeals Members:

Present: Commissioner Clyde Covington, Chairman Long Hua Xu, Commissioner Gary Jackson, and Commissioner Mary Frances Moore

Not Present: James Gray

Consider Previous Minutes

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Gary Jackson, seconded by Mary Frances Moore, to approve the February 21, 2019 minutes as presented.

Carried unanimously

New Business

1. *HDC-19-0087 Metaphysical Connection 115 Central Ave*

Chairman Long Hua Xu asked Mr. Stauder to present the item.

Planning Manager Rick Stauder stated that the applicant Mr. Bob Ross, representing property owner Mr. Kenneth Wheatley & the business of Metaphysical Connection, seek Certificate of Appropriateness application approval to install a new entry door on the storefront located at 115 A Central Avenue. The subject property is located in the Central Avenue Historic District, is zoned C-1 (Central Business District) and is located in Board of Directors District #1.

The applicant proposes to replace the existing damaged wood door with an aluminum door to match the majority of the other commercial storefront doors in this building. The applicant submitted a rendering of the proposed project with their application and a photo illustrating the door style being requested.

According to the applicant the entry door to this business is not original to the building. The subject

door is in poor condition as it has excessive water damage to the lower portion thereof. The applicant also stated the subject door is not adequately providing security and/or keep vermin out of the building due to its deteriorated condition. Six of the eight storefront doors on this structure are commercial aluminum doors that open inward. The Metaphysical Connection and The Candy Corner are the two storefronts that currently have wood doors.

The applicant originally planned to alter the storefront by constructing an alcove/recessed area to house the new door that would open outward. However, after discussion with staff that proposal was modified to the current request. The requested aluminum storefront entry door would create a more uniform entry door appearance between storefronts for the building as a whole.

Mr. Stauder then stated that the staff finding and recommendation is The submission requirements for certificate of appropriateness consideration have been met. The requested aluminum storefront entry door would create a more uniform entry door appearance between storefronts for the building as a whole as it would place seven of the eight storefronts with matching aluminum doors. The aluminum door would have a more symmetrical, uniform appearance with the majority of the other storefronts within this structure which complies with this portion of the Central Avenue Historic District Design Review Guidelines. The recommendation is to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness request as presented.

Chairman Long Hua Xu then asked the applicant to come forward and speak on the request. Mr. Bob Ross came forward and added that he spoke with Denny McPhate with Public Works about placing a handicap ramp outside the door because of the level of the door on the City sidewalk to accommodate ADA requirements.

Chairman Long Hua Xu then asked if there were any questions from the commissioners for Mr. Ross and there were none, so then Mr. Stauder asked if there was anyone in the audience present to speak for or against this item and there were none and at this time he closed the public portion of the meeting.

Chairman Long Hua Xu then asked if there was any discussion among the commissioners on this item, there was none, so he then asked for a motion to approved the item as presented.

Moved by Clyde Covington, seconded by Mary Frances Moore, to approve this item as presented.

Carried unanimously

Directors Report

Planning Manager Rick Stauder discussed new software - iCompass and asked Planner Dawn Sweet-Dobbs to introduce and explain the new procedure for agenda packet review with the new software.

Adjournment

Moved by Gary Jackson, seconded by Long Hua Xu, to adjourn the meeting.
Carried unanimously



Long Hua Xu