
LANDMARKS COMMISSION

March 27, 2007

Minutes

Members Present: Steve Butman
 Michael McClellan
 Bill Minter
 Phil Miller
 Laura Wardroup, Alternate

Members Absent: Rick Weatherl
 Pebbles Lee
 Robert Calk
 Tina Cargile, Alternate

Staff Present: Larry Abrigg, Planner III, Historic Preservation Officer
 Patricia Aldridge, Assistant City Attorney

Guests: Barbara Richert, Glenn & Carol Dromgoole

Mr. Butman called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM, declared a quorum present, and read the opening statement.

Minutes of the February 27, 2007 meeting were submitted for approval. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote. Mr. McClellan made the motion and Mr. Minter seconded the motion.

Agenda Item 3: CA-0307, Public hearing and possible vote to consider a Certificate of Appropriateness request from Glenn & Carol Dromgoole to construct a sign, and add flags, at 174 Cypress Street.

Mr. Butman read the above case description and asked Mr. Abrigg to give the staff report.

Mr. Abrigg highlighted the staff report that was sent with the Commission packet. Pictures of the property and the details of the request were reviewed.

Mr. Butman asked if any member had questions for staff. Mr. McClellan asked if the proposed sign would be similar to the existing sign. He then stated he would wait for the applicant to comment.

Mr. Butman opened the public hearing.

Mr. Dromgoole explained they are placing the Texas flags and new sign because their space under the canopy is so dark. He further said they needed to attract attention and the flags and sign would be crucial to the success of their expanded business. The store at the Wooten will be closing.

Mr. Butman closed the public hearing and asked for discussion. Mr. Minter made a motion to approve the work as discussed in this meeting and that is a part of the Certificate of Appropriateness application. Mr. Butman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4: CA-0407, Public hearing and possible vote to consider a Certificate of Appropriateness request from Hickory Street Café (Barbara Richert) for a fence, arbor and landscaping at 644 Hickory Street.

Mr. Butman read the above case description and asked Mr. Abrigg to give the staff report.

Mr. Abrigg showed pictures of the property and explained the details of the request for a fence, landscaping and arbor.

Mr. Butman opened the public hearing.

Ms. Richert explained the fence would be a white picket fence 4 foot tall (extend approximately 20 feet from both sides of the arbor) and the arbor would be no taller than 12 feet. There will be landscaping on the arbor and eventually the owner wants to do more landscaping around the house. There were several questions about the existing business signs. They will probably be moved to the south from where they are now. The members gave the owner permission to use the signs on the fence or move them wherever they can be seen. They would have to comply with sign regulations.

Mr. Butman closed the public hearing. Mr. Butman made a motion to approve the fence arbor and landscaping. Mr. Minter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(Mr. McClellan left at 4:45, but there was still a quorum)

Agenda Item 5: Discussion and possible vote to change the Landmarks Commission policy on finalization of Certificates of Appropriateness.

Mr. Butman asked for the staff report.

Mr. Abrigg explained the current policy and reviewed the staff report and stated that staff wanted the option of finalizing a certificate of appropriateness, but if there were any problems staff would bring the request back to the commission. Also an applicant would be subject to a violation if the work is not done according to what was approved by the commission. The members said they liked the idea of sending out a report when staff made the final inspection. Mr. Butman said he would like a photograph sent along with the report.

Mr. Minter made a motion to allow staff to finalize a certificate of appropriateness, to send a report and to report back to the commission if there are any problems with the process or with individual cases. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Butman at approximately 5:05 PM.

Approved: _____, Chairman

Date: _____