

MINUTES OF A RESCHEDULED MEETING OF EUFAULA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION HELD NOVEMBER 12, 2008

The Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Eufaula met in rescheduled session on Wednesday, November 12, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. in the Municipal Courtroom at the Eufaula Police Department Complex, 545 East Barbour Street. Upon call of the roll the following members were present: Chairman Terry Honan, Vice Chairman Curtis Williams, Doug Purcell, Joel Smith, Sr., David Ongemach. Absent: Bruce Turner. Also present: City planner Tim Milner, Building Inspector Bill Klein, Building Inspector Kenny Hayes.

Chairman Honan opened the meeting by reading a statement of intent and purpose of the Historic Preservation Commission: "The Eufaula Historic Preservation Commission was established by City of Eufaula Ordinance 2001-2 on March 5, 2001. The purpose of the Commission is to promote the preservation of buildings, structures and sites of historic and architectural value within our city. All of the members of the Commission are unpaid volunteers. We are here today to review applications to see if the design of the proposed projects meet the design review manual requirements established by the city council for projects in the locally designated historic district."

Mr. Smith moved to approve the minutes of the October 14th work session and regular meeting and November 3rd special meeting minutes. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote was recorded as follows: Yeas: Chairman Honan, Mr. Williams, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ongemach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Honan introduced visitors to the meeting: Judi Mathisen, Tim Mercer, two representatives from Los Portales Mexican Restaurant, AnMarie Honan, Wanda McBrearty, and Ray Buckingham.

The first item on the agenda was a request for Certificate of Appropriateness from German Rodriguez for signage at Los Portales Mexican Restaurant, 114 North Eufaula Avenue. The applicant requests approval of a wall sign for his restaurant located inside the Bluff City Inn, in the location previously occupied by Old Mexico. The proposed sign, already in place, is a vinyl overlay attached to the existing sign. A variety of food/restaurant themed illustrations are depicted on the sign. Halogen spotlights illuminate the sign. The proposed sign meets zoning/sign ordinance requirements; however, no sign permit has been issued. Chairman Honan noted the staff review recommendation is that the certificate of appropriateness be denied. Vinyl should not be used. The sign has no frame or painted border. The sign is overly embellished with illustrations and graphics that are not consistent with the time period of the building. It was noted removing the vinyl and repainting the existing sign should not be a substantial financial hardship. Mr. Ongemach noted, however, it was hard to take issue with the appearance of the sign with the Commission recently approved a similar style sign for Cajun Corner. Chairman Honan pointed out the material must be metal or wood and should be painted, not vinyl, and should also have a frame (either wooden or painted). Chairman Honan asked if the Commission would be amenable to the applicant painting the design on wood or metal and including a frame or painted border. After discussion, Mr. Ongemach moved to approve the application as modified (sign to be painted on wood or metal with a frame or painted border). Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call vote was recorded as follows: Yeas: Chairman Honan, Vice Chairman Williams, Mr.

Smith, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Ongemach. Yeas: None. Motion carried. It was noted the work is to be completed within 30 days.

The next application was a request by Sean and Wanda McBrearty for certificate of appropriateness for installation of garage doors at 343 North Eufaula Avenue. Chairman Honan noted the staff review recommendation is that the certificate of appropriateness be approved. The proposed 14'x8' modern single door is designed to resemble two doors that open to the outside on hinges, rather than one large door that retracts overhead. Spade handles are mounted in the center of the door and a grid of windows across the top. The applicants have selected almond for the color of the baked-on enamel finish. After discussion, Mr. Ongemach moved to approve the application. Mr. Purcell seconded the motion. Roll call vote was recorded as follows: Yeas: Chairman Honan, Vice Chairman Williams, Mr. Smith, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Ongemach. Yeas: None. Motion carried.

The next item was a request by Goodwill Industries of the Southern Rivers for certificate of appropriateness for replacement of awnings and framework. Tim Mercer presented renderings of the rectangular, slant-style awnings that have been chosen. He stated the awnings will be made of navy blue Sunbrella fabric. After discussion, Mr. Purcell moved to approve the application. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote was recorded as follows: Yeas: Chairman Honan, Vice Chairman Williams, Mr. Smith, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Ongemach. Yeas: None. Motion carried.

Under old business, Mr. Purcell asked Mr. Klein if he has heard anything from the owners of the old Martin Theater property. Mr. Klein stated just as he was leaving the office to come to the meeting, he received a fax from the property owner requesting a meeting on November 28th. The owner advised he is coming to Eufaula the weekend of November 15th to inspect the building and has engaged someone to look at removing the chimneys. Mr. Klein stated he will not, however, be able to meet with the owner on November 28th due to the Thanksgiving holidays and will attempt to set up another date. Mr. Klein also noted the owner states he has a demolition permit, but the building department finds no record of it. However, the owner did come before the Historic Preservation Commission in 2006 for a certificate of appropriateness for demolition of the chimneys and received approval, but that approval has since expired.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn.

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Terry Honan, Chairman

ATTEST:

Teri Bush, Secretary/CLG Liaison

