

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION HELD SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

The Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Eufaula met in regular session on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the Municipal Courtroom at the Eufaula Police Department Complex. Upon call of the roll the following members were present: Chairman Terry Honan, Joel Smith, Sr., Doug Purcell, David Ongemach, Bruce Turner. Vice Chairman Curtis Williams entered at 4:10 p.m. Absent: none.

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."

Minutes of the June 10, 2008 work session and regular meeting, June 18, 2008 special meeting, July 8, 2008 work session and regular meeting, July 15, 2008 special meeting, and August 12, 2008 work session and regular meeting were reviewed. In paragraph three of the June 10 work session minutes, it was recommended the word "cement" be replaced with "concrete". In the second paragraph on page two of the August 12 regular session minutes, it was recommended the word "submitted" be replaced by "amended". After discussion, motion by Mr. Ongemach, seconded by Mr. Purcell, to approve the minutes of all sessions as amended. Motion carried.

Chairman Honan introduced visitors to the meeting: Edna Archibald, AnMarie Honan, Chris Sellers, Camilla Shamblin, Billy Wilbourne, David Patrick.

The first application was a request by Edna Archibald for Certificate of Appropriateness to re-roof the residence located at 508 North Randolph Avenue. Mrs. Archibald presented a sample of the type shingle to be used (three-tab architectural style Tamko heritage series). After discussion, Mr. Purcell moved to approve the application as submitted. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call vote was recorded as follows: Yeas: Chairman Honan, Vice Chairman Williams, Mr. Smith, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Ongemach, Mr. Turner. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Commission next discussed an application submitted by Sarah Rodgers DBA Shady Oaks, 149 South Eufaula Avenue. The Commission secretary informed the Commission the application had been removed from the agenda and no representative was present per conversation with Chairman Honan, who advised the application was a work review, not a certificate of appropriateness application. Mr. Purcell expressed concern, and questioned if the applicant would be completely repainting the building or would just paint over the lettering on the sides of the building. Mr. Ongemach also stated his concern the painting will only cover the lettering and the new paint color will not match the older, faded paint. After discussion, Mr. Purcell moved to deny the application as presented due to lack of information. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote

was recorded as follows: Yeas: Chairman Honan, Vice Chairman Williams, Mr. Smith, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Ongemach, Mr. Turner. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The next application on the agenda was a request by Dialysis Clinic Inc. for signage at 126 East Barbour Street. Dick Bower of DB's Signs addressed the Commission on behalf of the applicant and stated his client wishes to mount two 2'x3' powder coated white aluminum hand lettered "no parking" signs to the north and east walls of the business. After discussion, Mr. Ongemach moved to approve the application as submitted. Mr. Turner seconded the motion. Roll call vote was recorded as follows: Yeas: Chairman Honan, Vice Chairman Williams, Mr. Smith, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Ongemach, Mr. Turner. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Under old business, Mr. Purcell pointed out it has been 18 months since the Bluff City Inn's certificate of appropriateness was approved. He asked the chairman to write a letter to Mr. Hitson inquiring of his plans for the property. Mr. Purcell further stated he has met with an individual who believes the building is salvageable and doesn't need to be torn down. The individual is interested in funding an independent engineering study to show the building is stable. After discussion, Mr. Purcell moved to authorize the Chairman to write Mr. Hitson and advise him the Certificate of Appropriateness for demolition of the Bluff City Inn has expired as of September 13 and he needs to reapply. Mr. Ongemach seconded the motion. Roll call vote was recorded as follows: Yeas: Chairman Honan, Vice Chairman Williams, Mr. Smith, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Ongemach, Mr. Turner. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Chairman Honan recognized Chris Sellers, owner of the Bullock-Ballowe-Sellers home at 240 North Eufaula Avenue, and asked if he had received the Commission's certified letter. Mr. Sellers stated to his knowledge he has not received a certified letter and he has not checked his e-mail. Chairman Honan presented a copy of the letter to Mr. Sellers and asked him to read the letter. After reading, Mr. Sellers stated he feels there are inaccuracies in the letter and he is unprepared to respond to the statements. Mr. Purcell asked if Mr. Sellers would commit to come back at the next meeting and submit a certificate of appropriateness. Mr. Sellers stated he had tried to do that, but was told it was not necessary at that time and was confused as to the entire process. Chairman Honan noted that Mr. Sellers had obtained a building permit for beams and sills, and the Commission would like to see a time schedule for work to begin. He also noted any outside façade work requires a certificate of appropriateness. Mr. Williams asked what work has been accomplished at the site. Mr. Sellers stated he has cleaned the yard of debris and cleared the lot of scrap metal and has replaced windows. After lengthy discussion, it was understood that Mr. Sellers would complete a certificate of appropriateness and submit it for inclusion on the October 14 agenda.

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