

Historic Zoning Commission

Minutes

The Jonesborough Historic Zoning Commission met in a regular meeting on Thursday, September 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Town Hall located at 123 Boone Street, Jonesborough, TN.

Members Present: Chris Basar, Chad Hylton, Frank Collins, Marcy Hawley, Herman Jenkins, Rebecca Moss, Nita Van Til

Members Absent: Chairman Zach Jenkins and Aaron Bible

Call to Order

Committee Member Frank Collins called the meeting to order. He stated there was one addition to the agenda.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Addition to Agenda: 210 W. Main St. – Request to paint windows and paint color approval.

This addition to the agenda was tabled until the next meeting. There was not enough information due to the owner's nonattendance of the meeting.

New Business:

1. 200 Main Street, Owner – Robert and Michael May, Presenter – Colton Brasure

Item was not discussed due to Robert and Michael May and Colton Brasure's nonattendance of the meeting.

2. 421 W. Main Street, Owner/Presenter – Robert Staple

Owner Robert Staple requested the approval of the Committee to add a carriage house type structure in the same approximate location where there was previously one on the property. He presented a photo of the previous carriage house. The proposal will feature a one car garage with a workshop and potting shed off to the side. The height would be one story with no electricity but would have a small sink and pot belly stove. It would be board and batten siding, painted white or beige, have a metal roof, and a porch on the shed. Mr. Staple's intention is to hire a sub-contractor, and he has consulted Dr. Bill Kennedy as well as the Building Inspector, Shawn

Jackson, about the intended project. After a lengthy and thorough discussion, Nita Van Til noted that the Committee needed more time to consider the proposal, while Herman Jenkins stated that he would like to do a site visit and walk the property to see where the shed would be built and consider property lines regulations before the next meeting. A color sample of paint would also need to be presented before approval. Mr. Staple agreed, and Nita Van Til will be his contact for additional information. She will also consult with Chairman Zac Jenkins.

The motion to conceptually approve the general footprint and preparation for the project was made by Nita Van Til, seconded by Herman Jenkins and passed unanimously.

3. 122 W. Main Street, Venue on Main. Owner/Presenter – Brian Ponder

(a) Owner Brian Ponder requested to add two brick columns to the entrance of the parking lot with black iron fencing between the building and Central Christian Church. The designs were presented at the meeting. Herman Jenkins voiced that he preferred stock metal posts instead of brick. Mr. Ponder agreed. Rebecca Moss noted that the neighboring Central Christian Church needs to be notified of the intentions. Chairman Zac Jenkins will contact them.

The motion to approve to add stock metal posts contingent on notification to Central Christian Church was made by Nita Van Til, seconded by Herman Jenkins and passed unanimously.

(b) Owner Brian Ponder requested approval to paint a strip of brick above the windows of the building white to match the windows. Herman Jenkins inquired if it was possible to match the brick instead of the windows. Mr. Ponder agreed that it could be a faux brick or paint to match the brick.

The motion to approve the painting of the building brick was made by Herman Jenkins, seconded by Chris Basar and passed unanimously.

(c) Mr. Ponder requested approval for a projected sign to be used during events only on Friday and Saturday evenings. He presented photos for examples. He would also like to use a Batman image projected onto the side of the building for Halloween night, and other images for various holidays or events. Herman Jenkins referred to the regulation that refers to electronically exposed images. Instead, he suggested a flat painted sign on the side of the building. Mr. Ponder voiced his opinion that there is maintenance to such signs and that this is a unique sign he is suggesting. After a lengthy discussion, Rebecca Moss noted that this type of sign is not historically correct, and Marcy Hawley suggested tabling the topic until the Committee could see the sign and more research is completed on the topic.

The motion to table the approval of the sign contingent on seeing the sign and researching the topic was made by Marcy Hawley, seconded by Herman Jenkins and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

1. **Further discussion from the Property Designation Committee to include possible motion to add new language to the criteria.**

Frank Collins stated that there needs to be clear, concrete verbiage explaining which properties are designated and why they are considered contributing properties. This would also possibly allow for more buildings to be considered contributing. There are two additions and one replacement to make but will first be discussed with Dr. Bill Kennedy.

Commissioners' Comments

There were no comments.

Approval of Minutes – Meeting September 12, 2024

The motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2024, meeting as presented was made by Nita Van Til, seconded by Chris Basar and passed unanimously.

With there being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned.