

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Tom Baldoni, chairperson.

ROLL CALL Present were Commissioners: Tom Baldoni, Joel Davies, Laura Lemajeur, Jennifer Russell, and JoLynn Seifert. Commissioners Rick Browne and Mike Camacho were absent. Also in attendance was Community Development Director Cathleen Tymoszenko.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Lemajeur moved to approve the agenda, and the second was provided by Commissioner Seifert. The voice vote was unanimously in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Lemajeur moved to approve the minutes for July 7, 2009. After a second by Commissioner Davies, the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE – none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

***A C B – American City Bureau
302 West Main Street
Exterior Alterations***

Luis Goduco, architect, was the representative. New drawings were distributed to the members, and he thanked Commissioner Seifert and Ms. Tymoszenko for providing the historical photos and data for the structure at 302 W. Main Street.

Mr. Goduco explained that the rear portion was built in the 1850s in the Greek Revival style. The front portion was added in the 1870s and is Italianate. The front porch was added in the 1920s and is more in the Italianate style. Since most of the building is in the Italianate style, the new windows throughout will be in keeping and will have no mullions. The siding will be cement board with the smooth side out. The roof balustrade, as proposed in the first drawings, has been removed because of budget constraints.

Commissioner Seifert noted that the historical plaque about the building dating from the 1850s should be moved to the rear portion of the building and a new one put on the front for the 1870s date. She pointed out an old photo of the building where the front porch was much smaller and contained a curved lattice work at the top. In response to her suggestion for a return to this style, Mr. Goduco said it did not go with the Italianate style.

Ms. Tymoszenko noted that the business had applied for grant funds from the Village, and that they may be used to offset the upgrade cost in installing the cement (hardy board) siding.

MOTION: Commissioner Lemajeur moved to approve the project as presented with the suggestion that, if possible, an appropriate cap be put in the location of the original balustrade. After a second by Commissioner Davies, the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN, COMMISSIONERS, STAFF

Ms. Tymoszenko reported that notice had been given to the owner of the Complete Bridal Salon and Wedding Mall – the permit was never obtained (after ARC approval) and the sign is in violation, specifically the font and color. She will be writing a memo to the Commissioners on the status of the Costume Shop sign so that it may be discussed at the next meeting. The sign on Rt. 72 at the Gateway Center is finally being repaired.

Commissioner Lemajeur brought up an idea for new banners; however, Ms. Tymoszenko replied that there are no funds in the budget for the supplies or the manpower to put them up along Main Street.

Regarding the recent requested setback of 2' from the back of the front sidewalk (as opposed to the ordinance of 10') for the sign at 513 W. Main (Giving Tree Real Estate), the Commission recommended creating a formula that would take into consideration the distance of the structure to the lot line and center the sign in that area – with no less than a 6' setback.

ADJOURNMENT By consensus, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

8/5/2009

Sandra Granholm CPS
Commission Secretary