



MINUTES OF THE
LAFAYETTE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

April 25, 2022

7:00 pm

Council Chambers, City Hall

Attendance

Commission Members: John Burns, Julie Ginn, Kevin Klinker, Sean Lutes, Shawna McCully, Amy Paget, Glen Vick

Absent: Patti Morgan

Staff in Attendance: John Collier and Michelle Conwell, Economic Development; Dann Keiser, Historic Preservation Officer

Others in Attendance (via phone): Stephen Allen of ARCHitecture trio, Inc.; Michael Cox of Core Redevelopment (owner of the Lahr House)

Call to Order

Noting a quorum, President Sean Lutes called the meeting of the Lafayette Historic Preservation Commission to order at 7:03 pm.

Approval of the Minutes

Kevin Klinker moved to recommend approval of the March 28, 2022 meeting minutes. John Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Public Relations and Education Committee

Amy Paget stated that the PR & Education Committee met on April 18, 2022. She noted that annual letters had been sent to all property owners within local historic districts and only 13 letters were returned as undeliverable. John Collier is working to find accurate addresses for the letters returned. Amy gave an update on the status of the "Then & Now" sign project. This project would install signs, about the size of parking signs, in a handful of locations throughout downtown where a historic image from the approximate location of the sign will be included on the sign with text providing interesting historical information about the buildings/site visible in the historic image. The Historic Preservation Commission would be recognized on the signs and staff will look into the possibility of adding QR codes on the signs where additional historical information can be found. Effort will be made to locate signs on existing sign posts where possible.

COA Committee – 117 N. 5th Street-first floor storefront removal and replacement

Sean Lutes introduced the project to remove the existing non-original storefront on the Columbia St. side of the Lahr House and replace with a new storefront that is more consistent with the original 19th century appearance. The COA Committee recommended approval. Stephen Allen, representing ARCHitecture trio, Inc. (the designer) and Michael Cox of Core Redevelopment (the building owner) provided additional information about the project and explained that the new storefront will be rebuilt to the original building plane. The steel columns will be wrapped in boral trim, except eastern most bay where original cast iron columns may be exposed and saved, if possible. Boral will be used for the trim work and cornice above the windows and panels below the windows. The cornice above the storefront will be a simplified version of the original cornice. New Weather Shield

Premium Series storefront casement windows to be installed in bays between doors. Non-functional transoms are proposed to be backed with plywood panels painted battleship gray. The existing doors are proposed to remain and awnings and appropriate sconce lights are proposed over each of the entries. Existing concrete steps are to be modified to allow for east –west access to stoops and black metal handrails added where necessary. The HPC asked that the staff be notified if the owner discovers any original architectural features during construction to determine if they should be saved and incorporated into the project. Sean asked for Dann Keiser’s input. Dann shared his concern that the proposed casement windows with a 4-5” vertical mold casement will create an inaccurate image based on historical images of the original storefront windows, which didn’t appear to have vertical divides. Sean stated that the COA Committee was comfortable with the casement windows as shown because of the owner’s desire to provide an opportunity for ventilation.

Kevin Klinker moved to approve the COA application. Kevin Klinker seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

District Committee - No report

Staff Report-No report

Public Comment

No public comments were received.

Adjournment

There being no further business to bring before the Commission, Julie Ginn moved to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Klinker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Michelle Conwell, Recording Secretary



Amy Paget, Secretary
Historic Preservation Commission