

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
September 2, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Jerry Edmondson
Thom Hamilton
Mary Keele
Paul Smith
Kathy Ray

OTHERS PRESENT: Bruce Fleming, Planning & Zoning Director
Ann Cottrell, Zoning Assistant
Richard Burroughs, River Bikes
Alana Babb, Walsworth & Company

The Tuesday, September 2, 2014, Heritage Preservation Commission meeting was called to order by Dr. Jerry Edmondson. The minutes of the June 2, 2014, meeting were reviewed and approved as printed.

The FIRST application was **COA 14-70000006**. The property is owned by **MARSHALL WEAVER**. The applicant is **BRENDA'S HEAVENLY TOUCH by Business Owner, Brenda Carr**. The property address is: **115 TRENTON STREET**. This request is for: **A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR EXTERIOR CHANGES INCLUDING SIGNAGE IN THE COTTONPORT HISTORIC DISTRICT**. Mrs. Carr had previously spoken with Mary Keele regarding the placement of a temporary banner until her permanent sign was ready. She has since placed the small permanent sign. The business is located inside "A Better Body Massage". A motion was made by Thom Hamilton to **APPROVE** the Certificate of Appropriateness. Mary Keele seconded. All in favor, the Certificate of Appropriateness is granted.

The SECOND AND FINAL application was **COA 14-70000007**. The property is owned by **DECKER MOORE**. The applicant is **OUACHITA RIVER BICYCLE LLC dba RIVER BIKES by Business Owner, Richard Burroughs**. The property address is: **208 TRENTON STREET**. This request is for: **A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR EXTERIOR CHANGES INCLUDING SIGNAGE , DECALS ON DOOR, AND OLD BICYCLE ABOVE AWNING IN THE COTTONPORT HISTORIC DISTRICT**. Mr. Richard Burroughs spoke on behalf of the application. He provided a copy of his logo, designed by local artist Doug Kennedy, to the Commission. He plans to place a 3' x 3' sign on the existing canvas awning. The sign will be in block letters with a black background and white lettering along with the logo. He has decided not to place an antique bicycle above the awning due to existing power and phone lines. A motion was made by Thom Hamilton to **APPROVE** the Certificate of Appropriateness. Mary Keele seconded. All in favor, the Certificate of Appropriateness is granted.

In other business, the Commission discussed a future application for Walsworth & Company at 311 Trenton Street as presented by Alana Babb. She explained that the sign for the furniture store will be white with black lettering. She is asking for approval to place the sign. She submitted the application the night of the meeting. She was given an OK to erect the sign. Bruce Fleming explained that this is done to promote business in the historic district and to maintain the integrity of the historic district without delaying businesses from operating until the application is heard.

The Commission discussed a dumpster located at a building owned by Jeff Guerriero at the corner of Natchitoches Street and Commerce Street. The dumpster is blocking traffic.

Commission member, Kathy Ray, discussed an issue with a building in the 200 block of Trenton Street that has paper over the windows that is unsightly.

Thom Hamilton stated that there is a group forming called "Downtown Renovation" that is currently applying for non-profit status. Members of this group include City Councilwoman, Staci Mitchell, Thom's wife, Tonya Hamilton, Monroe-West Monroe Convention and Visitor's Bureau Director, Alana Cooper, and West Monroe – West Ouachita Chamber of Commerce Director, Courtney Hornsby. Thom feels the group ties in with the Historic Preservation Commission and hopes the Commission will aid in supporting this organization.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.