



# HISTORIC PRESERVATION DESIGN REVIEW

## Minutes of the Meeting

April 22, 2021

### ATTENDANCE

A regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Design Review Committee was held on Thursday, April 22, 2021, in the Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Sumter Opera House. Seven board members –Ms. Julie Herlong; Ms. Heidi Burkett; Ms. Jean Whitaker; Mr. Bill Buxton; Ms. Vivian Sharp; Mr. Jerome Robinson; and Ms. Lucy Wilson were present.

Staff members present were Mr. Kyle Kelly, Mr. Jeff Derwort and Ms. Kellie Chapman.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Ms. Julie Herlong.

### MINUTES

Mr. Bill Buxton made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2021 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jerome Robinson and carried by a unanimous vote.

### NEW BUSINESS

**HP-21-09, 80 Calhoun Pl. (City)** was presented by Mr. Kyle Kelly. The Committee reviewed this request for Historic Preservation Design Review approval for construction of an 1,840 SF single family home with attached two-car garage and roof mounted solar panels.

Mr. Kelly stated the applicant is requesting approval for an additional/alternate architectural design plan for one of four (4) single-family detached residential structures to be located at 80 Calhoun Place (corner of Calhoun Pl. and W. Calhoun St.) This property originally received HP Design Review approval in 2008 (HP-08-13) with four (4) unique but complementary designs identified for the four (4) lots to be developed. The request was later amended and approved for an alternate design for the parcel located at 10 Calhoun Pl. The development is a residential infill project within the Hampton Park Historic District.

Mr. Kelly added that under a planned development project approved in 1991, the property formerly known as 315 W. Calhoun St. was to be developed for 8 single-family detached units, each on its own parcel. 2 of the original 8 parcels, located at the rear of the site, were developed prior to the adoption of the current design guidelines.

Since approval of the 1991 development plan, new guidelines were adopted that emphasize design standards more compatible with existing character of Hampton Park. The third residence constructed in the development obtained design review approval in 2008, based on an alternate design to those approved in 1991 that was more in keeping with the architectural character and context of the District.

Mr. Kelly mentioned the proposed architectural detail of the house is concentrated in the front elevation, particularly on the porch. However, due to the orientation of the structure, the eastern elevation of the structure will be highly visible. The Design Guidelines in this instance suggest the need for additional architectural detail in elements along the side of the structure to create visual interest. The applicant is proposing to achieve this result by incorporating a bay window on the east elevation, and has incorporated additional elements on the front elevation, including porch balusters, as well as vertical and horizontal siding.

Mr. Kelly added that the applicant is proposing to install +/- 27 solar panels on the rear portion of the western roof face.

Mr. Larry Baum, Ms. Helen Baum, and Mr. Tom Swan were present and spoke against the request.

Mr. Dennis Kern (applicant) was present to speak on behalf of the request.

After some discussion, Mr. Bill Buxton made a motion to defer this request to the next meeting and to ask staff to provide additional information to the Committee regarding solar panels, the planned development ordinance, and proposed garage placement. The motion was seconded by Ms. Vivian Sharp and carried by a unanimous vote.

**HP-21-10, Downtown Mural Sites (Multiple Locations)**

was presented by Mr. Kyle Kelly. The Committee reviewed this request for Historic Preservation Design Review approval for installation of large-scale murals painted directly on exterior building walls.

Mr. Kelly stated 16, 26, 30, and 36 W. Liberty St., 34 S. Main St., and 9 N. Main St., are downtown commercial properties with large unadorned walls in the Downtown Design Review District which are being evaluated for installation of large format murals through the Sumter Mural Project sponsored by the City of Sumter and the Sumter County Cultural Center.

Mr. Kelly mentioned the applicant is proposing to install full wall artistic murals on exterior walls in the alley between 16 and 36 W. Liberty St., on the south-facing wall of 34 S. Main St., and on the south-facing second-story wall of 9 N. Main St.

Mr. Kelly also noted that due to an administrative error, two additional proposed mural locations were advertised incorrectly. 17 and 25 S. Main St. are not proposed for mural placement at this time. The correct site for the final intended mural locations (37 and 43 S. Main St., also known as Mosaic Alley) will be brought for Board review and consideration as a revision to this request at a future meeting.

Mr. Kelly added that the Sumter Mural Project will be funded by a variety of sources, including private donations and grants, and will also include sites outside the Downtown Design Review District. The project is awaiting decision regarding grant funding.

Mr. Kelly stated that a committee comprised of representatives from the applicable property owners, Sumter County Cultural Center, and City of Sumter will review the artists' proposed design and make final decision regarding the content and style of each mural.

Ms. Leigh Newman, and Ms. Melanie Colclough (applicant's representatives) were present to speak regarding the request.

Mr. Scott Horton was present to speak regarding the request.

	<p>After some discussion, Mr. Bill Buxton made a motion to approve this request in accordance with the materials, submitted and based on compliance with Design Review Guidelines with the condition that two Board members (Julie Herlong and Lucy Wilson) be included on the Mural Design Decision Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jerome Robinson and carried by a unanimous vote.</p>
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>OTHER BUSINESS</b>	<p>Mr. Kyle Kelly informed the members there was one Certificates of Appropriateness issued by staff for exterior paint during the period of March 25, 2021 – April 22, 2021.</p>
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	<p>With no further business, Mr. Bill Buxton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lucy Wilson and carried by a unanimous vote.</p>
	<p>Respectfully submitted,  <i>Kellie K. Chapman</i>  Kellie K. Chapman, Board Secretary</p>