



HISTORIC PRESERVATION DESIGN REVIEW

Minutes of the Meeting

June 24, 2021

ATTENDANCE

A meeting of the Historic Preservation Design Review Committee was held on Thursday, June 24, 2021, in the City Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Sumter Opera House. Six board members –Ms. Julie Herlong; Mr. Bill Buxton; Ms. Vivian Sharp; and Ms. Lucy Wilson were present. Ms. Heidi Burkett; Mr. Jerome Robinson and Ms. Jean Whitaker were absent.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

HP-21-16, 119 N. Main St. (City) was presented by Mr. Kyle Kelly. The Committee reviewed this request for Historic Preservation Design Review approval for the removal of the existing painted aluminum awning and installation of a new flat aluminum awning on the building's N. Main St. façade, and installation of a new flat aluminum awning on the building's Law Range façade.

Mr. Kelly stated 119 N. Main St. is a rectangular two-story 20th Century Revival building, constructed around 1936, according to the Sumter County Assessor records. The building originally served as home of the Manhattan Restaurant. The building later housed Naomi & Warner retail store, prior to its renovation between 2016 and 2021.

Mr. Kelly added the property is identified as site #10 in the 1985 Historic Resources Survey that catalogued the structures in the downtown area. There are three sets of triple windows on the second floor of the front façade and a glass storefront with canvas awning on the first floor.

Based on the age of the building and architectural design and features, 119 N. Main St. is considered a contributing structure to the Downtown Sumter National Register

District Boundary and contributes to the City-designated Downtown Design Review District.

Mr. Kelly added the existing painted metal awning is not original to the building, and does not appear on archival images from the initial decade after the building was constructed (c. 1940). At that time, there were sloped canvas awnings on the 2nd floor windows, but no awnings of any kind on the 1st floor. The awning currently on the building was installed sometime between 1940 and 1985, when the City conducted the initial historic resources survey of the downtown area. Because the awning is not original to the building and is in a style that is not considered appropriate to the district, its removal is not considered detrimental to the property's historic value.

Mr. Jay Davis was present to speak on behalf of the request.

After some discussion, Mr. Bill Buxton made a motion to approve this request in accordance with the materials, photographs, and construction details submitted and based on compliance with Design Review Guidelines. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lucy Wilson and carried by a unanimous vote.

HP-21-10 Rev 1, Downtown Mural Sites (Multiple Location) 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 37 and 43 S. Main St. are downtown commercial properties with large unadorned walls in the Downtown Design Review District.

Mr. Kelly added painting of previously unpainted masonry in this case is not consistent with the City of Sumter Historic Preservation Design Review guidelines. Painting of brick creates a long-term maintenance need that does not exist with unpainted brick. With that said, the surfaces of the buildings under consideration for this project are either previously painted brick or concrete.

Ms. Leigh Newman (applicant) was present to speak on behalf of the request.

	<p>After some discussion, Mr. Bill Buxton made a motion to approve this request in accordance with the materials, photographs, and construction details submitted and based on compliance with Design Review Guidelines. The motion was seconded by Ms. Vivian Sharp and carried by a unanimous vote.</p>
OLD BUSINESS	NONE
CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS	<p>Mr. Kyle Kelly informed the members there were no Certificates of Appropriateness during May 27, 2021 – June 23, 2021.</p> <p>Madam Chair, Julie Herlong, inquired on the procedure to notify homeowners in the Historic District that they are in the Historic Design Review District.</p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>With no further business, Mr. Bill Buxton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:19 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>