

	<p style="text-align: center;">CITY OF SUMTER DESIGN REVIEW BOARD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Minutes of the Meeting February 13, 2025</p>
ATTENDANCE	<p>A meeting of the City of Sumter Design Review Board was held on Thursday, February 13, 2025, in the Oprea House Auditorium located on the First Floor of the Sumter Opera House. Six board members –Ms. Julie Herlong, Ms. Lucy Wilson, Mr. Randy Abbott, Ms. Heidi Burkett, Ms. Hyacinth Kinley and Mr. Scott Horton were present. Dr. Terry Smith was absent.</p> <p>Staff members present were Ms. Helen Roodman and Ms. Kellie Chapman.</p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Ms. Julie Herlong.</p>
MINUTES	<p>Mr. Randy Abbott made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2024, meeting, as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hyacinth Kinley and carried a unanimous vote.</p>
ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2025	<p>Ms. Heidi Burkett nominated Mr. Scott Horton to serve as Chair for 2025. Mr. Randy Abbott seconded the nominations and carried a unanimous vote.</p> <p>Mr. Randy Abbott nominated Ms. Heidi Burkey to serve as Co-Chair for 2025. Ms. Hyacinth Kinley seconded the nomination and carried a unanimous vote.</p>
NEW BUSINESS	<p><u>HP-24-21, 417 W. Hampton Ave. (City)</u> was presented by Ms. Helen Roodman. The Committee reviewed this request to demolish the existing restroom building, construct a new restroom building, and install new walkways. The Project will also include a new playground system and repairs to the existing gazebo structure.</p> <p>Ms. Roodman stated 417 W. Hampton Ave. is a City park facility known as Memorial Park.</p> <p>Ms. Roodman mentioned the project scope also includes installation of a new playground system and repairs to the existing</p>

	<p>gazebo structure at the park center.</p> <p>After some discussion, Ms. Kinley made a motion to approve the request to demolish existing restroom buildings, construct new restroom buildings, and install new walkways in accordance with the materials, photographs, and construction details submitted and referenced in the Staff Report and Presentation and based on compliance with Design Review Guidelines. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Horton and carried by a unanimous vote.</p> <p><u>HP-25-01, 220 N. Washington St. (217 Church St.) (City)</u> was presented by Ms. Helen Roodman. The Committee reviewed this request to demolish an existing motel building.</p> <p>Ms. Roodman stated 220 N. Washington St. is a portion of a larger motel development currently known either as the Oyo Hotel or Rodeway Inn.</p> <p>Ms. Roodman mentioned the applicant is requesting Design Review Board approval to demolish the existing motel building based on its condition as a threat to public safety and loss of architectural integrity.</p> <p>Ms. Roodman added the motel was built in 1965, per Sumter County tax records, the current structure on the property is a 2-story concrete block building totaling 20,920 sq. ft. that was built as an expansion to the motel on the adjacent parcel which fronts on N. Washington St. While the building did not exist on the site at the time of the 1980 Hampton Park Historic Resources Survey, it was not evaluated or referenced as part of that project.</p> <p>Ms. Roodman mentioned the motel has changed names many times since the original construction, most of which have happened in the last 15 years, including Oyo, Rodeway Inn, Econolodge, Palmetto Inn, Ramada Inn, and Holiday Inn. In 2020, the property owner obtained Design Review approval to paint the exterior of the building (HP-20-12).</p> <p>Ms. Roodman stated the site located in the Hampton Park Historic Overlay District but is not considered a contributing site to the fabric of the District.</p> <p>Mr. Greg Thompson, Ms. Barbara Kucharczyk, Mr. Frank Moses, Mr. Brett Vought and Mr. Miles Hodge were present to speak on behalf of the request.</p> <p>After some discussion, Mr. Randy Abbott made a motion to approve the request to demolish existing motel building in accordance with the materials, photographs, and construction</p>
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	details submitted and referenced in the Staff Report and Presentation and based on compliance with Design Review Guidelines. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lucy Wilson and carried by a unanimous vote.
OTHER BUSINESS	Ms. Roodman updated the Board on the two continuing education training opportunities planned for this year – Practical Solutions to Legal Issues for Commission and Navigating ADU Development in History Districts. She informed the Board that there would be a public information meeting at 6:00 pm on March 4 th at the Memorial Park Meeting House with the consultants working on the Historic Resources Assessment of the Mason Croft, West End, and Greater Hampton Park Neighborhoods
CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS	NONE
ADJOURNMENT	With no further business, Mr. Randy Abbott made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:28 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hyacinth Kinley and carried by a unanimous vote.
	Respectfully submitted, <i>Kellie K. Chapman</i> Kellie K. Chapman, Board Secretary