



HISTORIC PRESERVATION DESIGN REVIEW

Minutes of the Meeting

February 25, 2021

ATTENDANCE

A regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Design Review Committee was held on Thursday, February 25, 2021, in the Sumter Opera House Theater located on the First Floor of the Sumter Opera House. Six board members –Ms. Julie Herlong; Ms. Heidi Burkett; Mr. Jerome Robinson; Mr. Bill Buxton; Ms. Vivian Sharp; and Ms. Lucy Wilson were present and one board member – Ms. Jean Whitaker was 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.

MINUTES

Mr. Bill Buxton made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2021 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Heidi Burkett and carried by a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

HP-21-02, 104 S. Sumter St. (City) was presented by Mr. Kyle Kelly. The Committee reviewed this request for Historic Preservation Design Review approval for painting of building exterior and installation of new business signage.

Mr. Kelly stated that the building is 2,757 sq. ft and was constructed in 1962. Based on the current age of the structure, location within the district, and architectural features, 104 S. Sumter St. is not considered one of the contributing properties to the Historic District.

Mr. Kelly added that painting of previously unpainted masonry is not consistent with the City of Sumter Historic Preservation Design Review guidelines, and in this case, there is not a patchwork appearance from extensive replacement of rebuilding which are exceptions cited in

the Design Guidelines. Most brick is never intended to be painted and painting of brick creates a long-term maintenance need that does not exist with unpainted brick. The brick of the building under consideration for this project is not currently considered to be historic or otherwise contributing to the Downtown Design District, and the proposed paint color itself is consistent with the Design Guidelines, which does provide some mitigation of the negative consequences of painting unpainted masonry.

Mr. Frank White was present to speak on behalf of the request.

After some discussion, Ms. Heidi Burkett 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 Mr. Jerome Robinson and carried by a unanimous vote.

HP-21-03, 219 W. Calhoun St. (City) was presented by Mr. Kyle Kelly. The Committee reviewed this request for Historic Preservation Design Review approval for the installation of permanent covers over basement ventilation shafts on south, east, and north facades of the church campus's easternmost building.

Mr. Kyle mentioned the property is a church campus, with multiple interconnected buildings, including a sanctuary, gymnasium, and classroom buildings. The property is the current home of Grace Baptist Church and Grace Baptist Christian School.

Mr. McClun added that while the buildings have little historical significance based on their age, the property and its buildings are recognized as landmarks within the Hampton Park Historic District, and the architectural style, particularly of the church sanctuary, is unique.

Ms. Talmage Tobias 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 based on compliance with Design Review Guidelines. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lucy Wilson and carried a

	<p>unanimous vote.</p> <p><u>HP-21-04, 119 N. Main St. (City)</u> was presented by Mr. Kyle Kelly. The Committee reviewed this request for Historic Preservation Design Review approval for the installation of secondary access door on the Law Range façade of the building and installation of new exterior mounted business signage.</p> <p>Mr. Kelly mentioned 119 N. Main St. is a rectangular two-story 20th Century Revival building, constructed in 1936. The building originally served as home of the Manhattan Restaurant. Based on the age of the building and architectural design and features it is considered a contributing structure to the Downtown Sumter National Register District Boundary and contributes to the City-designated Downtown Design Review District.</p> <p>Mr. Kelly added restoration of the building interior and exterior was begun in 2016, having received design review approvals via HP-16-21 and HP-17-04. Changes made to the building restored a portion of the 1940s streetscape to the Main Street Corridor and improved its aesthetics without compromising the original architecture.</p> <p>Mr. Scott Bell, Mr. Jay Davis, and Ms. Heather Tickel were present to speak on behalf of the request.</p> <p>After some discussion, Mr. Bill Buxton made a motion to approve this request in accordance with the materials, photographs, and construction details submitted based on compliance with Design Review Guidelines. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lucy Wilson and carried a unanimous vote.</p>
OLD BUSINESS	NONE
OTHER BUSINESS	Mr. Kyle Kelly briefed the Committee on Certificates of Appropriateness issued by staff under delegated authority from January 29, 2021 – February 24, 2021.
ADJOURNMENT	With no further business, Mr. Bill Buxton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Vivian Sharp and carried by a unanimous vote.

	Respectfully submitted, <i>Kellie K. Chapman</i> Kellie K. Chapman, Board Secretary