

Pitman Historic Commission Meeting

April 11, 2019

Call to Order: Chairperson Madison called the meeting to order in Council Chambers at 7:00 pm.

Attendance:

In attendance were Ms. Corma, Mr. Millard, Mrs. Higbee, Mrs. LaPlante, Mr. Hitchner, Councilperson Blass and Chairperson Madison

Historic Commission Purpose and Standards

Read by Chairperson Madison

Certificate of Appropriateness:

2019-10 Patricia Forte, 8 S. Broadway, Block-1 Lot-2

This application was for replacing windows to match existing one over one double hung. No one present for this application. Everyone reviewed the application.

Mr. Millard made a motion to recommend application to Planning and Zoning and Mrs. LaPlante second the motion.

Vote: Ms. Corma (Y), Mr. Millard (Y), Mrs. Higbee (Y), Mr. Hitchner (Y) Mrs. LaPlante and Chairperson Madison (Y) Vote 6-0 to approve

2019-11 Dawn Lucas, Gentle Giant, 13 S. Broadway, Block-73 Lot-3 This application was for a decal sign on window. No one present for this application. Everyone reviewed the application. Decal will be on glass on the door. Colors brown and green.

Mr. Hitchner made a motion to recommend application to Planning and Zoning and Mrs. LaPlante second the motion.

Vote: Ms. Corma (Y), Mr. Millard (Y), Mrs. Higbee (Y), Mrs. LaPlante (Y), Mr. Hitchner (Y) and Chairperson Madison (Y) Vote 6-0 to approve

2019-12 Steven & Tiffany Weiss 140 West Ave Block -188 Lot -13

This application was for a new dwelling. Mr. Millard recused himself from this application.

Chairperson Madison swore in Mr. Steven Weiss. Everyone reviewed the application. Applicant stated house will be same height and size of existing houses in the historic area. Lot is 29 feet wide and house will be 18 feet wide. Windows will be double hung, one over one, with eyebrows. There will be a dormer on the side near the back of the house. This is needed for egress windows. Mrs. Higbee asked why no overhang on back door and applicant said they would add one. Applicant will return later with colors and other details.

Mrs. LaPlante made a motion to recommend application to Planning and Zoning and Mrs. Higbee second the motion.

Vote: Ms. Corma (Y) Mrs. Higbee (Y), Mrs. LaPlante (Y), Mr. Hitchner (Y) and Chairperson Madison (Y) Vote 5-0 to approve

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2019-13 Diane D'Acqua, 11 S. Broadway Blk ? Lot?

Replace name on existing awning to "The Scarecrow Factory". No one present for this application. Everyone reviewed the application.

Mr. Hitchner made a motion to recommend application to Planning and Zoning and Mrs. LaPlante second the motion.

Vote: Mr. Millard (Y), Ms. Corma (Y), Mrs. Higbee (Y), Mrs. LaPlante (Y), Mr. Hitchner (Y) and Chairperson Madison (Y) Vote 6-0 to approve

2019-14 Bill & Carla Evans 134 North Ave Blk 5 Lot 12

Siding and windows. Chairperson Madison swore in Mrs. Evans. Everyone reviewed application. The windows on the front of the house were being installed when applicants was notified that they need to do an application and come to historic for approval. All work was stopped. Applicant was advised that the windows and work she and her contractor planned did not meet Historic guidelines. Mr. Millard and Chairperson Madison agreed to meet with her and her contractor to advised what they could do that would meet guidelines. Application was withdrawn until after they meet and will be re-reviewed.

March Meeting Minutes

March minutes were reviewed by everyone. Mrs. LaPlante made a motion to approve and Mr. Hitchner second the motion. All voted yes to approve.

Old Business

Mr. Millard told commission that he spoke to the owner of Maggie Paige dress shop, 56 S. Broadway again, regarding the name on the top and not the bottom of the awning. She explained never received a letter regarding changing it to the way the application stated. Everyone agreed that it had to be corrected. Mr. Millard told her about grant money that may be available to help her. Mrs. LaPlante asked about Thai burger sign. It is now open and all Jim and Mikes signs are down. Mr. Millard said that Ronnie will be coming in to have a new sign approved, she said they will be window clings.

New Business

Mrs. Laplante asked Mr. Millard about the second rail on steps on the West Ave. house. He explained it is needed to pass CO. She also was concerned about some of the recent things commission was advised of, like where the law states if you only do 25% of repairs on your property, no approval is needed. Mr. Millard wanted to know how the people in the historic area are notified regarding guidelines. Mrs. Higbee said that when they buy they should be told, but the commission used to send out flyer notifying residence of guideline laws.

Mr. Hitchner expressed his concern regarding conflict of interest with members getting involved with residence decisions on the work on their homes. Mr. Millard explained that as long as it is advising of guidelines there was no conflict.

Council report

Councilperson Blass informed commission that the Historic placks are in and will soon be installed. Mrs. LaPlante ask if Planning and Zoning are discussing new street sign for the historic district. Mr. Millard will ask at the meeting Monday night.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Hitchner to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm seconded by Mrs. LaPlante. All were in favor. Chairperson Madison declared the meeting adjourned.