

LIBERTY HISTORIC DISTRICT REVIEW COMMISSION
Meeting Summary
May 4, 2021
Zoom Video Conference & 3rd Floor Conference Room
4:00 pm

Present via Zoom Video Conference: John Carr, Vern Drottz, Clay Lozier, Martha Reppert, Brett Rinker, Doug Wilson

Absent: Matt Grundy, Mike Gilmore, Dail Hobbs

Applicants Present via Zoom: James Moes, 448 E. Mississippi

Staff Present: Jeanine Thill, Community Development Manager, and Katherine Sharp, Planning & Development Director/Moderator

Vice Chairman Carr called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Summary: April 20, 2021 HDRC Meeting Summary

A motion was made by Commissioner Lozier to approve the April 20, 2021 meeting summary as corrected. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reppert. The motion passed 6-0-0.

HDRC Case #21-009J Consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness for a new deck at 448 E. Mississippi, Jewell Historic District

- Vice Chairman Carr asked the applicant if he would like to add anything. Mr. Moes said he could be convinced to do piers but that wouldn't change the appearance of the deck.
- The Commission didn't have any questions for the applicant.
- Vice Chairman Carr commented that it looks very straight forward and that he is glad that the applicant is considering piers and complies with the UDO and guidelines. Commissioners Drottz, Reppert and Wilson agreed.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Rinker to approve the application as presented because it meets the UDO and Design Guidelines. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozier. The motion passed 6-0-0.

Other Business

Administrative Approvals since the April 20, 2021 meeting: None

Miscellaneous matters from the Commission:

226 N. Jewell - Staff followed up with the homeowner after the last meeting to coordinate a design sub-committee meeting but has not heard back if they would like to meet. Staff will follow up again.

Commissioner Wilson asked about the house at 442 W. Franklin and the status of the stone front porch that has been under construction for a few years. Staff will reach out to the homeowner for an update. Vice Chairman Carr said it appears that he started the back forms and that there is rebar in place.

Miscellaneous matters from Staff:

Staff shared a PowerPoint presentation of the nine proposed sculptures to be installed in September in the downtown area. The Commission commented that there is a nice variety of pieces and they are very interesting. Staff said the Arts Commission is recommending that the City purchase "Growing Wings" to add to the City's permanent art collection.

Remote or In Person Meetings - Staff thanked those that filled out the survey asking for input on remote vs. in person meetings and asked for any discussion about the topic. The survey results were mixed, in that some commission members were comfortable meeting in person but others were not because of health concerns related to the pandemic. Staff will look into the options for hybrid meetings. Ms. Sharp added that hybrid meetings may be a little tricky due to staff and technology challenges. She said that if we have meetings with Zoom or remote access, then it would need to be during normal business hours so we aren't paying IT staff overtime. The evening meetings require others to be present. Vice Chairman Carr said he is good with either way. Commissioner Reppert said she is flexible. Commissioner Rinker said if they have to do 4:00 p.m. on Zoom then he can attend, but he would prefer in person at 5:30 p.m.

Other Business

The Nuisance Homes update was emailed out prior to the meeting. Staff encouraged the Commission to contact her with any questions.

The meeting adjourned at 4:27pm.