

**LIBERTY HISTORIC DISTRICT REVIEW COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**June 15, 2021**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**City Council Chambers**

Present: John Carr, Vern Drottz, Dail Hobbs, Clay Lozier, Doug Wilson

Absent: Matt Grundy, Mike Gilmore, Martha Ann Reppert, Brett Rinker

Staff Present: Jeanine Thill, Community Development Manager

Guests Present: Aimee Gray and Caitlin Seal of A3G Architecture, representing 139 N. Water and Bennett Wyllie, 331 W. Kansas

Vice Chairman Carr called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Approval of Meeting Summary:** May 18, 2021 HDRC Meeting Summary and the May 24, 2021 Design Sub Committee meeting summary.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson to approve the meeting summary as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hobbs. The motion passed 5-0-0.

**HDRC Case #21-011D Consideration of an After-the-Fact Certificate of Appropriateness for alterations to the front porch at 331 W. Kansas, Dougherty Historic District**

- The applicant said the column is tapered. The bottom 8 inches of the column was rotted and replaced with a 4X4. They will replace it like in-kind.
- Vice Chairman Carr said he should duplicate what was there and use the same dimensions.
- Commissioner Wilson said the applicant should submit the dimensions of the top and bottom to staff.
- Vice Chairman Carr said he was on site and the replacement porch floor boards are 5¼". It is all treated wood. The applicant said he went as tight as he could.
- Vice Chairman Carr commented that the appearance change from tongue and groove is minimal and it is close to what was there before. They replaced joists also. There isn't enough room for a skirt board now.
- Vice Chairman Carr said he is comfortable with the application. The applicant said any color or stain on the porch floor will complement the house.
- Commissioner Wilson said the porches are so important to the historic character of the home. The wider the porch floor boards the less it looks historic. He added that if the porch is stained it will look like a deck and that is not recommended. He added that pine tongue and groove would have been ideal.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hobbs to approve the application as presented because it meets the UDO and Design Guidelines. And we would ask that he gives staff the dimensions of the tapered column. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozier. The motion passed 5-0-0.

**HDRC Case #21-001L Consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior alterations at 139 N. Water, Lightburne Historic District, a 353 tax abatement project**

- Ms. Gray said that the applicants are planning to put in a new floor structure. The new room will be where the deck is currently. There are three divided lite windows on the south side and the new windows are proposed to match.
- Vice Chair Carr said staff could not find a previous application for the divided lite windows on the south side. He feels they should all be one over one and there shouldn't be grills on the doors.
- Commissioner Hobbs agreed. Commissioner Hobbs said the divided lites were approved many years ago. The siding looks to be vertical at the roofline and it should be horizontal and should match the existing reveal.
- Commissioner Drottz asked about the lower slope of the roof. If they come up to the ridge line it functions better. Commissioner Drottz said it would look better if it was a hipped roof. It's a difficult one.
- Commissioner Wilson asked if there are two separate gables. Ms. Gray said the new roof goes from the outside edge to the outside peak. It's a tough transition with the horizontal vs vertical. Vice Chair Carr commented that the vertical is preferred and the one over one windows would also be preferred.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson to approve the application as presented because it meets the UDO and Design Guidelines with the stipulation that the windows are one over one and the doors with no grills and approval is contingent on approval with the Planning department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hobbs. The motion passed 5-0-0.

**Other Business**

Administrative Approvals since the May 18, 2021 meeting:

- HDRC Case # 21-007J 432 E. Mississippi, Flag pole
- HDRC Case #21-011J 430 E. Franklin, Like in kind repairs
- HDRC Case# 21-008PH 110 E. Moss, Gutter Guards

A written update on the nuisance homes was provided to the Commission.

Miscellaneous matters from the Commission:

- Commissioner Hobbs said there were no parking signs on the north side of Kansas St. from Fairview Ave. down the hill. People have been parking there and the signs are gone. Staff will check into this.
- Staff will follow up with Code Enforcement to find out the status of the garage on Mill St. owned by William Jewell.

Miscellaneous matters from Staff:

- A Design Sub Committee meeting at 138 S. Terrace was set for June 17 at 5:00 p.m. John, Doug, and Vern can attend.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.