

LIBERTY HISTORIC DISTRICT REVIEW COMMISSION
Meeting Summary
September 7, 2021
Zoom Video Conference
4:00 p.m.

Present: John Carr, Vern Drottz, Aimee Gray, Martha Reppert, Brett Rinker, Doug Wilson

Absent: Dail Hobbs, Matt Grundy, Mike Gilmore

Applicant Present: Don Altis

Staff Present: Jeanine Thill, Community Development Manager

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

HDRC Case 21-008LS Consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness for façade renovations at 18 N. Main Street, a 353 project:

- Staff presented the project: a rebuilding of the existing façade which is not original.
- Aimee Gray will recuse herself from the vote because she is the architect for the project.
- Commissioner Wilson asked if we should try to know what the old storefront looked like. He is surprised that we don't have a picture of the old building.
- Ms. Gray said the old photos are available and that is what size of the proposed second-story windows was based on. The only brick that is there that was original are on the two columns on each side, everything else is glass or wood siding.
- Vice Chairman Carr asked for clarification on the windows, commenting that they look like two mull units with the casings between the windows. Ms. Gray said there is brick in between them. Vice Chairman Carr said that the video link that was provided in the staff report shows a traditional brick mould; he asked if that would that be similar application here as well. Ms. Gray said yes.
- Vice Chairman Carr said the proposed work looks great and he congratulated Mr. Altis for planning for these improvements. He added that Pella has tried to match the historical proportions of traditional windows as shown in the link and photos. The detail is exceptionally good, there is a putty line and check rails. He feels it is about the closest to a traditional window. Commissioner Rinker agreed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson to approve the application as presented because it meets the UDO and Design Guidelines. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reppert. Motion passed 5-1-0 with Ms. Gray abstaining from the vote. Staff will take this to City Council for consideration of the 353 Tax Abatement on September 27th.

The July 20, 2021 meeting summary was edited:

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson to accept the Meeting Summary as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reppert. The motion passed 6-0-0.

Other Business

Administrative Approvals since the July 20, 2021 meeting:

- 15 N. Main – Sign for Ridder Farmers Insurance
- 417 E. Kansas – Like in-kind repairs to garage and deck
- 305 W. Kansas – Like in-kind repairs to porch, sidewalk, soffits, siding
- 9 S. Main – Sign for Authentic Style Hair Salon
- 411 W. Kansas – Fence

Miscellaneous matters from the Commission:

- Vice Chairman Carr said there are repairs to the front porch of the home at Liberty Drive and Harrison. Staff said she issued a COA for like in-kind repairs several months ago.
- Vice Chairman Carr reported that at 120 S. Terrace, the north French doors have been replaced. Staff will follow up. The doors were not original to the home, as Carr replaced them with doors from an Iowa farmhouse in the 1980's. They replaced them with nine lites over one panel.

Miscellaneous matters from Staff:

- None

The meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.