

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
KINGSPORT HISTORIC ZONING COMMISSION**

June 12, 2017

1:30 p.m.

Members Present

Jim Henderson, Chairman
Liza Harmon, Vice-Chairman
Beverley Perdue
West
Jewell McKinney
Como
Liza Harmon, Vice-Chairman

Members Absent

Crocker

Staff Present

Jessica Harmon

Visitors Present

Skip Norrell
Richard Brown

Historic Zoning Commission (HZC) Chairman, Jim Henderson, opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. Chairman Henderson welcomed the visitors and called for approval of the minutes from the regular June meeting. On a motion by Vice Chairman Harmon, seconded by Commissioner Perdue the meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Under the “New Business” portion of the June HZC meeting the first item for discussion was the granting of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the addition of awning at 813 Yadkin Street, submitted by Richard Brown the owner of the property. Staff gave a brief overview of the nature of the request and introduced pictures of surrounding properties. Next, Mr. Brown provided additional details about his drainage troubles due to the lack of an awning included water collecting in his unfinished basement. The commission spoke about how they were pleased with how the neighborhood is beginning to take shape. Commissioner Harmon asked if there would be a railing, to which Mr. Brown responded that there would be an aluminum railing. On a motion made by Commissioner Perdue and seconded by Commissioner Como the Certificate Appropriateness was approved unanimously.

Next under “New Business,” of the June HZC meeting was a discussion about granting a Certificate of Appropriateness for the addition of a framed canopy over an existing door at 100 E. Church Circle, submitted by Nathan Flora. This was a late addition to the packet, added the Friday before the meeting to accommodate the church’s request. Staff gave a brief overview of the reasoning for the request. No representative for the church or Armstrong Construction was present. The Commission was not clear what door for the Woodside Center the request was addressing. Without clear information, and lacking a representative it was suggested that the commission defer the request. On a motion made by Commissioner West and seconded by Commissioner Harmon the Certificate of Appropriateness was deferred unanimously.

Under “Old Business” was a discussion of the commissions preliminary thought about changes to the Church Circle Historic District Guidelines. Staff opened the discussion, and Commissioner Henderson suggested that we should shorten the purpose. Commissioner Harmon emphasized that we should be very specific, and avoid saying the same thing multiple times in order to prevent contradictions. The conversation then meandered a bit with regard to state resources available to the city for the purpose of providing help rewriting guidelines.

Commissioner Perdue asked about adding historic districts in a piecemeal fashion to the national historic register. Planner Harmon discussed a project she is working on that could help promote the national historic register tax credit. It was then suggested that Planner Woods bring a rough draft of an edit of the guideline to the commission for discussion. Commissioner Harmon suggested that the goal be to get the Shelby street row houses back to the colors that were approved for the Park Hill District. Commissioner Como suggested that this be addressed in the District mission statement. The discussion then turned to an overview of the Church Circle renovations. Planner Harmon asked that any edits or comments about the guidelines be given to Planner Woods.

The final item on the agenda was the call for public comment. Mr. Norrell mentioned that the houses on Sequoyah are beginning to improve themselves, and Commissioner Harmon mentioned that this might be a potential historic zone. He then told the commission about the process of revamping the Park Hill guidelines some years ago, and warned the commission that they should give careful consideration to historic vs. original when writing these guidelines or they may find themselves in future situations that are difficult to navigate.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Perry Crocker, Secretary