

## MINUTES

### Town of Southern Pines Historic District Commission Special Meeting via GoToWebinar August 20, 2020 at 4:00 PM

The Town of Southern Pines Historic District Commission held its regular meeting virtually on Thursday, August 13, 2020, at 4:00 PM.

Members present: Chairperson Darlene Stark, Vice Chairman Mart Gibson, Steady Meares, Dorothy Shankle, Robert Anderson and Leslie Brians.

Member absent: Molly Goodman

Staff members present: B.J. Grieve, Suzy Russell and Cindy Williams

Chairperson Stark called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

B.J. Grieve stated that the meeting was a special meeting of the Historic District Commission. The public hearing regarding HD-17-20 was closed at the August 13, 2020 meeting and the members agreed to continue the meeting to August 20, 2020. A special meeting was scheduled for August 20, 2020 at 4:00 PM in the C. Michael Haney Community Room of the Police Department. The meeting was noticed on the Town website and posted as required for a public meeting.

#### **HD-17-20 Certificate of Appropriateness - Major Work to seal / “paint” existing brick and mortar; 131 NE Broad Street; Applicant: Michele Laster**

Chairperson Stark reopened public hearing HD-17-20.

Robert Anderson made a **motion**, which was seconded by Steady Meares, to close the public hearing. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Anderson commented that he felt the applicant should seek the advice of a professional regarding how to treat the problem of water leaking into the building.

Leslie Brians stated that a mason needs to look at the building to determine what repairs need to be made and that there also appears to be a drainage issue near the foundation of the building.

#### **HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION ACTION:**

Robert Anderson made a **motion**, which was seconded by Dorothy Shankle, that as a finding of fact the application was complete and that the facts submitted were relevant to the case, in that the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness – Major Work met the specified submittal requirements as required in the Town of Southern Pines Unified Development Ordinance and the evidence submitted was sworn testimony. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Robert Anderson made a **motion**, which was seconded by Mart Gibson, that as a finding of fact the application does not comply with Section 2.28.10 Criteria for a Certificate of Appropriateness – Major Work, Criteria (C) 1-3, in that:

- Painting unpainted masonry is not a recommended practice within the Historic District Guidelines. A paint with lime, known as lime wash is not appropriate for repairing brick in order to stop water from seeping into the building.
- Painting unpainted masonry adversely affects its contribution to the larger historic district because the appearance will change in its entirety.
- The painting of unpainted masonry is not consistent with the adopted design guidelines for the Historic District because the guidelines state not to paint unpainted brick on four (4) separate pages.

and therefore HD-17-20 is denied. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A brief discussion was held regarding potential applicants to fill current vacancies on the Commission.

Steady Meares made a **motion**, which was seconded by Robert Anderson, to close the meeting. **The motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Cindy Williams  
Secretary to the Historic District Commission