

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
Wednesday, November 28, 2012

The Historic District Commission held a called meeting on Wednesday November 28, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Graham Municipal Building. Commission Members present were Larry Brooks, Cary Worthy, Jimmy Linens, Brenda Sykes, Lauren Nance, Denise Baker and Steven West. Eric Crissman and Hayes Teague were absent. Staff members present were Melissa Guilbeau, City Planner, and Martha Johnson, Zoning/Inspections Technician.

Larry Brooks called the meeting to order.

1. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the November 28, 2012 meeting by Steven West and seconded by Cary Worthy. The motion carried unanimously.

2. The next item on the agenda was the applications for the 2012-2013 Façade Grant Program:

2a. Audrey McHugh, for McDavis Enterprises, located at 102 E Pine St and 146 & 150 S Main St. was requesting clad window frames in white vinyl, to match the work that was done on other window on this property with 2011-12 façade grant. Angela Davis stated they were requesting vinyl clad around the rest of their windows to match the one done last year. This cost would be \$485.00.

2b. Carolina Property Holdings, for East Coast Realty Group, located at 200 N Main St. was requesting to repair repaint and reseal all windows and window frames to resolve wood damage, drafts and aesthetically improve, and to match colors of new fabric canopies (funded with 2011-12 façade grant). Also to repair the front metal entry canopy which is original to building to good condition and to match present fabric canopies and point up and seal damaged brick/mortar areas of façade. Additionally install lighting along metal canopy to provide exterior lighting. Jason Cox represented Carolina Property Holdings and he stated black would be used to repaint to match the awning. Steven West asked what type lighting would be installed and Mr. Cox said it would be consistent with the awning. The cost would be \$7,345.00.

2c. Court Square Development Group, for Farm Services, Extreme Graphics and Life Changes, located at 123 & 125 E Elm St. requested to install new layer of brick veneer using white, weathered brick; includes new footing for veneer, restore brick archway around main entry door. Install new white doors, windows, and also install a new blue metal awning over main entry door along with replacing signage. Chuck Talley spoke for the Court Square Development Group for Farm Services. He stated they would use white brick and were adding a 6' door at the archway. The 8 x 8 metal canopy would be wrought iron and would meet all fire and building inspections specifications. Mr. Talley said the cost should be changed from \$43,380.00 to \$36,000.00 because they would remove the awning that would not be done until Spring. Mr. Talley said he currently had three tenants in the building.

2d. Property located at 20 SW Court Square/102 W Elm St was requesting to repaint the Elm St side of the building with the same colors, paint over the "Laskody Law Office" mural and replace all window shutters (some of which have already fallen off). Lee Laskody said they were redoing the entire Elm Street wall. The paint being used would be the same color. Mr. Laskody stated they were replacing the shutters and trimming around the door. The cost would be \$2010.00. Steven West asked if the shutters could be a little wider than proposed. He thought it would be more appealing if wider and Mr. Laskody agreed with him. Cary Worthy asked if they would paint over the sign and Mr. Laskody said yes.

Larry Brooks said if each applicant was given the maximum City of Graham match which totaled \$9919.00,

would that be ok with the Commission or did anyone wish to change any of the amounts. Steven West made a motion to approve, Brenda Sykes second. The motion carried unanimously.

3. The next item on the agenda is the Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness.

3d. Crystal Waggoner, 205 N Main St. wishes to install a new wall sign. Crystal Waggoner of Full Circle at 205 N. Main Street said she installed a wall sign but it has to be real high above the apartments and people can't see her sign. She wants to move it over the awning in order to be lower and visible. She was asking permission from the Historic District Commission to move the sign down. Cary Worthy made a motion for approval, second by Brenda Sykes. The motion carried unanimously.

Cary Worthy made a motion for the Planning Board to look at signage on buildings, second by Brenda Sykes. The motion carried unanimously.

Steven West made a motion to approve the other 3 Certificate of Appropriateness applicants, second by Brenda Sykes. The motion carried unanimously. They are as follows:

3a. Carolina Property Holdings, 200 N Main St, for work proposed in the Façade Grant application; see item 2b above

3b. Court Square Development Group, 123 & 125 E Elm St, for work proposed in the Façade Grant application; see item 2c above

3c. Lee Laskody, 20 SW Court Square/102 W Elm St, for work proposed in the Façade Grant application; see item 2d above

4. The next item was to elect a Vice Chair for the Historic District Commission. Larry Brooks made a motion to elect Steven West, Brenda Sykes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Martha Johnson