

## HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

### Wednesday, December 4, 2013

The Historic District Commission held a called meeting on Wednesday December 4, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Graham Municipal Building. Commission Members present were Jimmy Linens, Larry Brooks, Brenda Sykes, Denise Baker, Helen Sharpe, Grace Baldwin and Cary Worthy. Steven West and Lauren Nance were absent. Staff members present were Melissa Guilbeau, City Planner, Martha Johnson, Zoning/Inspections Technician and Kaitland Finkle, Planning Intern.

Larry Brooks called the meeting to order stating this was a continuance from the previous meeting. Mr. Brooks said the awards were postponed until tonight and he asked if any of the applicants present would like to speak.

Tom Boney spoke stating that he and Viviana Maltby submitted jointly for the façade on the front of the building for an awning located at 112 & 114 W Elm Street. He said that Chuck Talley volunteered to take down the old awnings and that cost should be deducted from his project. Therefore the removal cost would be eliminated and only the construction cost and that of materials would remain. Paul Crotts described the painting project for the exterior of his building on S Main Street. He clarified the work would include painting the front and the side next to Bank of America, including the indentation in the same color it is today. He hopes he can get the painter to include the back. Jennifer Talley stated she had several projects that could be put on hold to allocate money elsewhere in the City. She stated she did want the signage at Farm Services at 123-127 E Elm Street to be funded.

1. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2013 meeting by Denise Baker and seconded by Grace Baldwin. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consider additional applications for the 2013-14 Façade Grant Program

Total City funds requested: \$15,602, total City funds available: \$4,790 + \$5,000

After much discussion, Denise Baker made a motion to award funding to the first five projects based on priority from the previous meeting, second by Cary Worthy. There was discussion concerning the extra funds taken out of the project for Tom Boney and Viviana Maltby to instead be awarded to Farm Services for the awnings. Denise Baker made a revised motion to approve funding the first 5 projects in full and give the balance of the money to Farm Services awnings, second by Cary Worthy. The motion carried unanimously.

The following is a list of the maximum funding each project was awarded:

- b. Don Bulla, for property located at 129 W Harden St, \$3,052
- c. Viviana L. Maltby, for property located at 112 W Elm St, \$1,389
- d. Jean S. Boney and Tom Boney, Jr, co-trustees, for property located at 114 W Elm St, \$1,190
- g. (signage portion) Chuck Talley, for property located at 123-127 E Elm St (Farm Services building), \$1,832
- a. Paul B. Crotts, for Graham Furniture Mart located on S Main St, \$1,875
- g. (awning portion) Chuck Talley, for property located at 123-127 E Elm St (Farm Services building), \$452
- e. Chuck Talley, for property located at 22 Court Sq NE (Graham Soda Shop), \$0
- f. Chuck Talley, for property located at 22 Court Sq NE (Fret Sounds), \$0

Tom Boney asked when the work has to be done and Melissa Guilbeau said by April 30, 2014, and you can get an extension if you need to the end of the fiscal year. Larry Brooks said if projects are not finished by June 30, 2014, typically they do not get reimbursed.

3. 128 W Harden St Roof-Top Railing (COA1308). Request by LM Wilson Heating and Air, a contractor, for a Certificate of Appropriateness to install a new railing along the roof-top edge of the rear porch, as per code, to surround the new roof-top gas pack. Color of rail is to-be-determined. Shawn Dahlquist from L.M. Wilson Heating and Air spoke representing the project. Mr. Dahlquist stated that a new heating and air unit had been installed on the roof and they don't have the 10' of clearance on the roof top edge so they need to add a hand railing for safety issues. Mr. Dahlquist said the railing would match the current railing on the bottom being the same color, material and welding method. Cary Worthy didn't like that type of railing up in the air on the roof. Denise Baker asked for the dimensions. Mr. Dahlquist said the measurements would be 16-1/2 feet on both edges, 25 feet across the front and the height would be 3 feet.

Helen Sharpe made a motion to approve, second by Grace Baldwin. The motion was approved 4 to 2 with Cary Worthy and Denise Baker voting against.

Melissa Guilbeau said that Alamance County had been talking to her concerning the City of Graham and Alamance County, as to who was responsible for designating local landmarks. Ms. Guilbeau said the Historic Commission will be seeing some of this in January or February of next year.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Martha Johnson