

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Wednesday, April 9, 2014

The Historic District Commission held a called meeting on Wednesday April 9, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Graham Municipal Building. Commission Members present were Larry Brooks, Brenda Sykes, Denise Baker, Grace Baldwin, Lauren Nance and Cary Worthy. Steven West, Helen Sharpe and Jimmy Linens were absent. Staff members present were Melissa Guilbeau, City Planner, and Martha Johnson, Zoning/Inspections Technician.

Larry Brooks called the meeting to order and explained the function of the Commission.

1. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2014 meeting by Lauren Nance and seconded by Denise Baker. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Alamance Farmers Insurance Metal Cap (COA1402). Request by McDowell & Jordan, LLC for a Certificate of Appropriateness to add a metal cap over the existing concrete cap in a similar shape and color and to replace broken mortar above concrete accent strip with elastic caulking in similar color at 128 W Harden St. Josh McDowell was present representing McDowell & Jordan who is the contractor for Alamance Farmers Insurance. Mr. McDowell said that water was leaking into the building and they needed to add a colored metal cap to the existing cap using a similar color and shape. Cary Worthy asked how far over the cap would the new cap be and Mr. McDowell stated the entire length which is about seven inches. Mr. McDowell had a sample he showed which was the closest color to the existing cap and he stated the pictures presented were taken when the building was wet.

Denise Baker made a motion for approval, second by Brenda Sykes. All voted in favor.

Cary Worthy stated he was concerned about Alamance County building a residential bedding facility at 600 North Main Street, which is in the North Main Street Historic District. He feels it will bring down the value of the houses in that area and as a Commission he felt like a letter needed to be sent to the county expressing the Commission's feelings concerning this not being a good match. Melissa Guilbeau told the Commission this property was zoned O-I but a nursing home would need a special use permit and this would have to be approved by City Council.

It was the consensus of the Commission that a letter be sent to the Alamance County Commissioners concerning this issue. Ms. Guilbeau stated she would draft a letter and send an email to all members of the Commission to review and she would send it to the county.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Martha Johnson