

HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION
Tuesday, March 13, 2018

The Historic Resources Commission held a called meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Graham Municipal Building. Commission Members present were Cary Worthy, Helen Sharpe, Elaine Murrin, Jerry Perdue, Jeanette Beaudry, and Guy Sinclair. Grace Baldwin was absent. Staff member present was Nathan Page, Alexa Powell City Planner, and Debbie Jolly Zoning/Inspection Technician.

Chair Cary Worthy called the meeting to order.

1. Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.
2. Approve minutes of the February 13, 2018 meeting. Helen Sharpe made a motion to approve and Elaine Murrin seconded. All voted aye. Denise Baker resigned from the Historic Resources Commission. Jeanette Beaudry was appointed to HRC.
3. Alexa Powell went through the slides of awning color and fabrics. Guy Sinclair made a motion to approve all proposed awnings with stripes and Jeanette seconded it. All voted aye. Next the proposed solid colors were presented. The Commission wanted to remove Tuscan, Crest Ash, and Tresco Brick. Mr. Sinclair made a motion to approve the solid colors with the above colors removed Helen Sharpe seconded. All voted aye. Merchants can apply for any of the approved awning colors as a minor COA or request any awning color by applying for a major COA.
4. Guy Sinclair nominated Helen Sharpe for Vice Chair seconded by Elaine Murrin. All voted Aye.
5. Griffin McClure spoke about GABA Banners. The deadline for the banner project completion including installation is May 1, 2018. Griffin McClure showed the three concepts for the commission to see. City staff identified some ambiguity in in the language of the historic resources handbook and asked for clarification on whether the banners needed to be approved as a minor or major COA. Elaine Murrin made a motion to allow the banner approval to be made as a minor COA to avoid delaying the project seconded by Helen Sharpe. All vote aye. Alexa asked about amending the handbook to allow future street banners not for commercial use be approved through the minor COA process. Guy Sinclair made a motion seconded by Helen Sharpe, all voted aye.
6. Council member Melody Wiggins updated the committee from the last council meeting. New parking signs were approved by City Council. Alexa confirmed that such parking signs would fall under the minor COA category and would not require HRC action.
7. Jerry Perdue bought up the new Historical Museum bench and asked about changing the color of the bay door to be more complementary. Alexa said she had an application coming forward

about painting the door and the COA request would likely come before the Commission at the next meeting.

8. Elaine Murrin was interested in revisiting the creation of a N. Main Street Historic District. Alexa recommended the HRC members learn more about the process, benefits, and FAQ's in order to be better informed and offered to provide additional training. Cary Worthy suggested the HRC follow the staff's advice about training before taking action. Alexa will reach out to the NC State Historic Preservation Office (NC SHPO) to give a presentation at the next meeting.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Jolly