

## HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

The Historic District Commission held a called meeting on Wednesday January 25, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Graham Municipal Building. Commission Members present were Larry Brooks, Cary Worthy, Eric Crissman, Jimmy Linens, Hayes Teague, Brenda Sykes and Steven West. Enos McDonald was absent. Staff members present were Aaron Holland, Planner, and Martha Johnson, Zoning/Inspections Technician.

Larry Brooks called the meeting to order. Jimmy Linens Mayor Pro-tem thanked everyone on behalf of the City Council for their time and effort they give to the Historical Commission.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2011 meeting by Cary Worthy, seconded by Steven West. The motion carried unanimously.

The following applications for the Graham Façade Grant Program were discussed:

Todd Lambert spoke for Simmons Engineering about replacing the rear door on the building and eliminating the air conditioner that is currently over the door at 109 N. Main Street. He asked for consideration to replace the back door instead of a front door. He stated that it was visible on three sides. Their least expense estimate is \$3050.00. Steven West asked if they had any plans for landscaping in the future. Mr. Lambert said they would like to later but was only looking at replacing the back door with the grant money for now. Eric Crissman asked if the air conditioner was working and Mr. Lambert replied no.

The next item was Jason Cox speaking for Carolina Property Holdings of NC LLC about painting all the exterior windows, doors and replacing front canopy at 200 N. Main Street. Their least expensive estimate is \$13,741.00. Steven West asked why the color brown was being used on the canopy. Jason Cox stated that the windows were already brown is why they went with that color. Aaron Holland said the awning colors are preapproved. The color will need to be approved. Eric Crissman asked if the size of the canopy will obstruct the view and Jason Cox said that alley beside them was theirs and it wasn't a public alley so there should not be a problem.

Audrey McHugh spoke for McDavis Enterprises LLC concerning 130 S. Main Street & 102 E. Pine Street. They would like to replace window frames and the windows on the side of the building along with replacing the large store front window. Their least expensive estimate is \$1534.00. Steven West asked if the show window would match the other window and Mrs. McHugh replied yes.

The last item is for Farm Services at 125 E. Elm Street. They want to construct a new brick veneer store front, new windows & doors, along with a new gable roof and metal awning over the front entrance. Their least expensive estimate is \$43,380.00. There was no one there to represent them to answer any questions from the Historical Commission. There were numerous questions about the project including the blue color on the windows. Some members felt that the upgrades look nice but doesn't fit in with downtown Graham. These changes will be a major change and very costly.

Larry Brooks said it was the consensus of the Board to consider the maximum amount of money to the first three items and none to the last one at 125 E. Elm Street. Cary Worthy said if the Commission had not had any questions they might would have considered giving money to them. The Board decided to give Simmons Engineering at 109 N. Main Street \$1525.00, Carolina Property Holdings of NC LLC at 200 N. Main Street will receive \$5000.00, McDavis Enterprises LLC of 130 S. Main Street & 102 E. Pine Street will receive \$1534.00. The total grant money awarded will be \$7292.00. There will be no funds allocated to Farm Services at 125 E. Elm Street.

Steven West made a motion for approval, second by Eric Crissman. Motion carried unanimously.

Larry Brooks told Lee Kimrey, the City Of Graham's new Council Member, that the Board appreciated him attending the meeting tonight.

Jimmy Linens Mayor Pro-tem stated that he had received a call from Peter Grant concerning the handicap ramp's lighting at the recently renovated Courthouse. Mr. Grant said the lighting did not fit with the historical setting of the building. Mr. Linens said he wasn't sure who would be responsible for correcting this situation. Cary Worthy said he would speak to the Assistant County Manager Tim Burgess concerning the lighting.

Mr. Brooks asked for a motion to adjourn. Brenda Sykes made a motion, seconded by Steven West. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,  
Martha Johnson