

The next item on the agenda was discussion of the Design Guideline update. Mr. Smith shared that he has begun working on the HPF Grant Application that is due on February 1st. If awarded, the city would cover 40% of the update's cost, while the grant would cover the rest. This would account for just over \$13k of the project cost. He shared that he has been gathering Letters of Support from different community partners and requested that a letter be included from the HPC. Mr. Brown motioned to approve the Letter of Recommendation, which was seconded by Dr. Crawford, and carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a board interview for a open seat left vacated by Mr. Jackson Reddick. Ms. Gabrielle Hay submitted an interest form and was in attendance for the meeting. She shared that she has recently opened her western boutique, Battle Dress Apparel on W. Main Street and had a love for her community that brought her home following graduation from Georgia Southern University. Mrs. Uphold asked where Ms. Hay lived, and she stated that she still lives in her childhood home on E. Street. Mrs. Burdette motioned to recommend Ms. Hay's appointment to the HPC Board to City Council, which was seconded by Dr. Crawford, and carried unanimously.

The final item on the agenda was a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) request from Mrs. Robin McKinnon and her business, Advanced Accounting at 207 S. Church Street. Mrs. McKinnon's request was to have Mr. Gary Maxwell with To the Max Advertising install a 46" x 46" blade sign above the door. Board consensus was the blade sign looked classy and would be a great addition to do downtown Thomaston! Mrs. Uphold motioned to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness, which was seconded by Mrs. Burdette and carried unanimously

In other business, Mr. Smith took time to address questions presented via email by Mrs. Burdette. He talked in great detail about the Northeast Thomaston Redevelopment Plan and the upcoming February Visioning Sessions. Additional conversations were had in regards to applying for the National Registry for Downtown Thomaston and a new member orientation for new HPC members.

At 2:52 pm, Dr. Crawford motioned to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mrs. Uphold, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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