

Thomaston Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2021 at 2:00pm

An in-person meeting of The Historic Preservation Commission was held on Thursday July 22, 2021 at 2:00pm in The City-County Meeting Room of The Thomaston-Upson Government Complex.

The chairwoman, Jane Burdette called the meeting to order. In attendance were commission members: Jamesan Gramme, Walter Brown, Jerry Adams, and Brenda Tabb. Commission Members Claude Burgess and Tempy Hoyal had an excused absence from the meeting, while Commission Member Lila Bryan was unexcused. City of Thomaston Economic Development Coordinator, Mr. Taylor Smith was also in attendance.

Mr. Brown motioned to approve the Minutes of the May 26, 2021 meeting, which was seconded by Mrs. Tabb. All votes were in favor of approving the meeting minutes. Item E. Discussion of HPC Bylaws/Disclosure of Conflict was moved to the end of the agenda. Mr. Taylor Smith, City of Thomaston Economic Development Coordinator was formally introduced to the group.

Ms. Colby Salter of Co & Company, located at 200 W Main Street submitted a Certificate of Appropriateness request for new signage. Mrs. Gramme motioned to approve the COA and Mr. Brown seconded. All commission members voted in favor of the approval.

Ms. Leigh Hunt of Good Boy Grooming, located at 99 N. Church Street submitted a Certificate of Appropriateness request for new signage. Mr. Adams questioned the size of the sign in relation to the building. Mr. Gary Maxwell of To The Max Advertising advised that a smaller rendering had been discussed with the business owner. A motion to approve the sign contingent upon submission of the smaller rendering to City of Thomaston Building Official, Bobby Ellington was made by Mr. Adams. Mrs. Tabb seconded the motion and all commission members voted in favor of the approval.

Discussion of the exterior paint color of the building located at 105 S. Hightower Street. Mr. Brown advised that he believed we had no authority on a building's paint color. Mr. Smith advised that he would be speaking with a State of Georgia Historic Preservation representative on Monday July 26 and would ask for clarification regarding the matter.

Mr. Julian Bethel was in attendance. The commission thanked him for the work completed at his 201 N. Hightower Street location. A new storage facility for cars and Rv's was recently erected with a brick facade facing the street.

Mrs. Burdette advised that she has been working on new Bylaws for the HPC commission. She explained that she hoped to have a draft for review by the next meeting and that feedback would

be accepted until fully agreed upon by the commission. At that time, the new bylaws would be submitted to City Council for consideration of approval.

In other business, Mr. Smith again informed the group that he would be speaking with a representative from the State of Georgia Historic Preservation Commission on Monday July 26. Additionally, a letter from the Department of Community Affairs announcing the addition of the John and Effie McDaniel House to the National Registry of Historic Places was read.

Jane Burdette asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Adams. All commission members stood to show approval, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:34pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Taylor J. Smith

Economic Development Coordinator

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