



# HISTORIC PRESERVATION DESIGN REVIEW

## Minutes of the Meeting

August 26, 2021

### ATTENDANCE

A meeting of the Historic Preservation Design Review Committee was held on Thursday, August 26, 2021, in the City Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Sumter Opera House. Six board members –Ms. Julie Herlong; Mr. Bill Buxton; Ms. Jean Whitaker; Mr. Jerome Robinson; Ms. Heidi Burkett and Ms. Lucy Wilson were present.

Staff members present were Mr. Kyle Kelly, Mr. Jeff Derwort and Ms. Kellie Chapman.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Ms. Julie Herlong.

### MINUTES

Mr. Bill Buxton made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2021, meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Heidi Burkett and carried by a unanimous vote.

### NEW BUSINESS

**HP-21-18, 119 N. Purdy St. (City)** was presented by Mr. Kyle Kelly. The Committee reviewed this request for Historic Preservation Design Review approval for installation of 38 roof-mounted photovoltaic solar panels and 1 inverter on the south roof section of the existing residence and on the south roof section of the detached rear garage.

Mr. Kelly stated the residence is in the Minimal Traditional style and is characterized by an asymmetrical design with the front door set off-center, cross-gabled roof, and little to no eaves.

It is a contributing structure to the fabric of the Hampton Park Historic District based both on its age and architectural details.

Mr. Kelly added the request contains multiple roof faces, each of which can be evaluated individually for

compliance with the Design Guidelines. The proposed panel locations on Rear South Side and Accessory Garage South Side are compatible with the Design Guidelines and with best practices for solar panel placement in historic districts. While on the side elevation of the buildings, these locations have extremely low visibility to the public due to the presence of the adjacent house.

After some discussion, Mr. Bill Buxton made a motion to approve this request in accordance with the materials, photographs, and construction details submitted and based on compliance with Design Review Guidelines with a condition that screening be installed via shrub planting that will form a visual barrier for the additional utility equipment on the front north corner of the residence. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lucy Wilson and carried by a unanimous vote.

**HP-21-19, 45 N. Main St. (City)** was presented by Mr. Kyle Kelly. The Committee reviewed this request for Historic Preservation Design Review approval for exterior alterations to include replacement of the storefront window system, new horizontal aluminum awning system, removal of window shutters and shingle/framing section at rear, installation of new windows, replacement of side access door, painting of trim, doors, and previously painted masonry, and new business signage

Mr. Kelly stated 45 N. Main St. is a rectangular two-story Vernacular Brick building that was constructed around 1909. It has previously served a variety of retail uses.

Based on the age and architectural design and features, 45 N. Main St. is considered a contributing structure to the Downtown Sumter National Register District and contributes to the City-designated Downtown Design Review District.

Mr. Scott Bell (applicant) and Ms. Nicole Norris were present to speak on behalf of the request.

After some discussion, Mr. Bill Buxton made a motion to approve this request in accordance with the materials, photographs, and construction details submitted and based on compliance with Design Review Guidelines. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lucy Wilson and carried by a unanimous vote.

<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	NONE
<b>CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS</b>	Mr. Kyle Kelly informed the members there was one Certificate of Appropriateness issued by staff between June 24, 2021 – August 25, 2021. That COA was for HP-21-17, for new business signage at 2 N. Main St.
<b>CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING</b>	Mr. Kyle Kelly briefed the members that staff would be sending scheduling availability emails to each member regarding mandatory continuing education, which will be done utilizing the National Association of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) Short Course content.
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	With no further business, Mr. Bill Buxton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Heidi Burkett and carried by a unanimous vote.
	Respectfully submitted, <i>Kellie K. Chapman</i> Kellie K. Chapman, Board Secretary