

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MAY 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS / CITY HALL

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Newman.

ROLL CALL was taken by Recording Secretary Marty Stinson

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Scott Newman; Vice-Chairperson Vincent Gonyou; Secretary Philip Hathaway; Commissioners James Eaton, and Gary Wilson.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Lance Omer and Matthew Van Epps.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Sarah Warren-Riley, Housing Program Manager; Ms. Susan Montenegro, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development; Mike Erfourth, building owner of 113-115 E. Main Street; Jeff Peltier, Architect for Mr. Erfourth.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion by Commissioner Eaton, supported by Commissioner Hathaway to approve the agenda for the meeting of May 21, 2014.

Yeas: All. Motion was passed.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Motion by Commissioner Wilson supported by Commissioner Eaton to approve the minutes for April 16, 2014.

Yeas: All. Motion was passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Staff Memorandum
- 2) Meeting minutes of April 16, 2014

PUBLIC / BOARD COMMENTS:

Chairman Newman commented that it was exciting to see all the work downtown with the facades and the upper stories as Owosso moves forward.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1) 113 – 115 W. Main St. – Façade Renovation Application

Chairman Newman introduced Mike Erfourth and Jeff Peltier. Mr. Erfourth bought both buildings last year. There are four apartments on the second floor and two on the third floor. He is doing a complete demolition on the interior of the first floor. Corky Adams will be moving into 115 E. Main Street. He is removing the white façade and using the design that he submitted and giving the apartments their own façade. He is doing the doors and the windows.

The lamp studio at 113 will have the lamp studio sign removed and will come back to the commission when Mr. Erfourth is ready to work with the new sign. He is not doing the windows yet. He will be looking for façade grant dollars to do more later. Chairman Newman discussed the business door location with Erfourth. They are unable to locate clear historical photos so far. 115 cannot have a recessed door, but 113 will be recessed. The entrance to the 113 apartment is in the lamp studio. There will be not awnings right now.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WILSON, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER EATON THAT THE OWOSSO DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION, FINDING THAT THE PROPOSED EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS AT 113 – 115 E. MAIN STREET MEET THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR'S STANDARDS, AS WELL AS LOCAL STANDARDS, HEREBY DIRECTS STAFF TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR THE WORK AND BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION

Approved June 18, 2014

AS APPLIED FOR AND ILLUSTRATED CONDITIONED UPON THE MAIN STREET RENDERING, AND MOVING THE DOOR TO THE CENTER.

YEAS: ALL. MOTION WAS PASSED.

Further discussion involved the connection of the two buildings; the need to sprinkle both buildings; a rear entrance to 113; and parking at the rear of the building or leasing from a nearby city parking lot.

BOARD / PUBLIC COMMENTS: Commissioner Hathaway discussed sprinkler systems and various fires from Corunna, Byron and Owosso and how they spread to other buildings.

Mr. Erfourth commented on cameras and WiFi systems for fire protection.

Mr. Peltier stated that some of the attendees at the meeting were from his class.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HATHAWAY; SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER GONYOU TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:41 P.M.

YEAS ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

Phil Hathaway, Secretary

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