

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING  
**OWOSSO HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**  
JANUARY 16, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS / CITY HALL

**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** at 6:03 p.m. by Chairperson Newman.

**ROLL CALL** was taken by Recording Secretary Marty Stinson

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairperson Scott Newman; Secretary Phil Hathaway; Commissioners Lance Omer and Gary Wilson.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Vice Chairperson Vincent Gonyou; Commissioners James Eaton and Matthew Van Epps.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ms. Sarah Warren-Riley, Housing Program Manager; Mr. Tom Campbell, The Argus-Press.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Motion by Commissioner Hathaway, supported by Commissioner Omer to approve the agenda for January 16, 2013 as presented.

**Yeas: All. Motion was passed.**

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** Motion by Commissioner Hathaway, supported by Commissioner Wilson to approve the minutes for the meeting of December 19, 2012.

**Yeas: All. Motion was passed.**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 1) Staff Memorandum
- 2) Meeting minutes of December 19, 2012

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

**1) 201 E. Exchange – Window Replacement Application**

Mr. Tom Campbell, The Argus-Press, brought in a window sample and a cut away sample to show the construction of the two piece windows with the mullion which will be placed dead center of the windows. The windows are 40% wood and 60% plastic polymer and vinyl wrapped.

Commissioner Hathaway asked if The Argus Press building qualified for the Main Street façade grant. Ms. Sarah Warren-Riley, Housing Program Manager replied that the façade application was already turned in.

**Motion by Commissioner Hathaway, supported by Commissioner Omer that the Owosso Downtown Historic District Commission, finding that the proposed exterior improvements at 201 E. Exchange St. do not meet the Secretary of the Interiors Standard, and are inappropriate for the district, hereby directs staff to issue a notice to proceed for the work as applied for and illustrated.**

**Discussion:** Commissioner Wilson asked how do we deal with the precedent we are setting. Commissioner Hathaway stated we have nothing else to offer the building owners without the tax incentives. This is a matter of economic hardship. The double hung wood clad windows are twice the price of the original request. This has been brought up to the mid-price compromise. There are 36 windows in this request for the second floor of the building.

**Yeas: All. Motion was passed.**

*Approved February 20, 2013*

**Comments:**

Ms. Warren-Riley was contacted by Ms. Kelly Larson regarding the National Register nomination. The deadline has been pushed back to January 28 for the consultants to provide a draft to the commission. Ms. Larson will be looking for comments on the draft by February 25<sup>th</sup>. The next Historic District Commission meeting is February 20 which should be sufficient time to make any adjustments.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion by Commissioner Hathaway, supported by Commissioner Omer to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. until February 20, 2013.**

**Yeas all. Motion carried.**

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Phil Hathaway, Secretary

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