
Historic District Commission

Special Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2024

Members present: Cody Blanchard, Rhonda Dempster Marguerite Erwin, Lance Ledet & Robert Cavell

Members absent: None

Also Present: Monique Reulet, Public Works Executive Secretary; Sonya Cabrera, Public Works Secretary; Josh Bourgeois, Public Works Director; Trey Waguespack, Assistant Public Works Director

Erwin called the meeting to order.

Cavell moved to accept the minutes presented for the December 11, 2023 meeting. The motion was seconded by Dempster, all commission members were in favor, motion carried 4 to 0, with 1 absent.

Erwin introduced the first item on the agenda – to review proposal by Amanda Halford of behalf of AMO Trial Lawyers to install double sided illuminated blade sign at 604 W 3rd Street.

David Ardoin, 604 W 3rd St, was present to represent this proposal. He stated that AMO Trial Office would like to install a double sided illuminated sign. Their goal is to improve Downtown Thibodaux, but still remain consistent with what is there now. He added that their proposed sign design is consistent with that of Pepper's Pizzeria next door.

Erwin questioned the two (2) different views shown in the specifications provided to the Commission. Ardoin stated that the second image is a night view. Cavell stated that the red portion of the sign will not be illuminated, so it won't be visible at night. Ardoin confirmed this, and said the red portion sticks out 4.5in on each side. Dempster questioned if the brightness of the sign could be dimmed. Ardoin said he wasn't sure if it was in the current design, but he was fairly certain he could get an electrician to install a dimmer.

On call for City comment, Public Works Director Josh Bourgeois had no objections to this request.

Blanchard arrived to the meeting in time to vote on this item.

Cavell made a motion to accept the proposal by Amanda Halford of behalf of AMO Trial Lawyers to install double sided illuminated blade sign at 604 W 3rd Street. The motion was seconded by Ledet, all commission members in, motion carries 5 to 0, with 0 absent.

In other business, Dempster informed the Commission that the City is in the process of designing the new Canal Boulevard bridges. Duplantis Design Group provided some images of potential railing styles, as well as light styles. Dempster provided copies of these images to the Commission members and they reviewed and discussed their recommendations. Cavell asked if the City had a "Master Plan" that they could refer to. Dempster said no, but they are working on one.

Blanchard asked if there were any issues with the current lights that the City has. Bourgeois said that the current ones are not LED and the new ones will be. Blanchard and Dempster discuss the age and condition of the current lights. Bourgeois said they are about 8-10 years old, and they have never had any issues with durability. The Commission members discussed the possibility of finding design options that would be consistent with the Jackson Street bridge.

They also agreed that Arm Style "1", Top Style "1" and Shade Style "6" would be a nice option. Bourgeois noted that the walkway itself will be cement. On discussion about potential railing designs, the Commission members agreed that the railing option on Page 2 top right would be a good option. Dempster said she would take these comments back to Duplantis Design Group.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.