
Historic District Commission

Special Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2025

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

Members absent: Trey Ledet

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

Blanchard called the meeting to order.

Dempster moved to accept the minutes presented for the January 9, 2025 meeting. The motion was seconded by Erwin, all commission members were in favor, motion carried 4 to 0, with 1 absent and 0 abstaining.

Blanchard introduced the first item on the agenda – to review proposal by Anthony P Lewis for exterior repairs and siding replacement at 307 & 311 St Philip Street.

There was no one present to represent this proposal. On call for public comment, there was none.

Erwin stated that she received an email from Mr Lewis, explaining that he would not make it to the meeting do to his need to attend to another case. Erwin responded to Lewis stating that he did not need to be present, but that he should submit a description of his work including what types of materials he intends to use and what colors. Lewis responded to Erwin stating his plans for the repair of the side of his building - he will remove the metal and replace it with hardy board that will be painted to match existing color. He also noted future phases of construction will include shutters and railings.

Erwin noted that stucco would be the most historic option, but she felt that hardy board would be more historic than metal, so it would still be an improvement. Blanchard agreed. He added that this work is necessary due to water damage to the building, and although he would like to see a more historic color, the best choice in this circumstance is to continue with the existing color.

Erwin made a motion to approve the proposal by Anthony P Lewis for exterior repairs and siding replacement at 307 & 311 St Philip Street.

Dempster clarified that this approval was only for the siding replacement. Erwin confirmed this, stating the other work Lewis mentioned for future phases is not included in this proposal, so he will have to come back.

The motion was seconded by L. Ledet all commission members were in favor, motion carries 4 to 0, with 1 absent and 0 abstaining.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:38p.m.