

**Madison Station Historic Preservation Commission  
Minutes of the April 9, 2014 Regular Meeting**

The meeting convened in the Madison Municipal Complex, Planning and Building Conference Room, 100 Hughes Road, Madison, Alabama 35758 and called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Commission Chairman Charles Sturdivant.

**I. ROLL CALL**

**MADISON STATION HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Charles Sturdivant, Chair	Present
Teddy Powell, Vice Chair	Absent
Jeanne Steadman, Historic Liaison	Present
Dennis Vaughn	Present
Elbert Balch	Present
Charles Nola	Present
Cindy Sensenberger	Present
D.J. Klein, City Council Liaison	Absent

**CITY STAFF PRESENT**

Amy Bell, Director, Community Development and Planning; Sherri Williams, Assistant Planner and Board Secretary

**REGISTERED PUBLIC ATTENDEES**

Cindi Sanderson; Walt Anderson; Larry Anderson; Melanie Williard

**II. MINUTES APPROVAL**

Chairman Sturdivant asked Commission members for suggested changes or corrections to the draft minutes of the March 12, 2014 Regular Meeting. There being none, Chairman Sturdivant called for a motion:

**Motion:** Mrs. Steadman moved to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2014 Regular Meeting, as written. Mr. Balch seconded the motion and the vote was as follows:

**Final Vote:**

Charles Sturdivant	Aye
Teddy Powell	Absent
Jeanne Steadman	Aye
Dennis Vaughn	Abstain
Elbert Balch	Aye
Charles Nola	Aye
Cindy Sensenberger	Aye

**Motion Carried.**

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Sturdivant opened the floor to public comment for non-agenda items. There being no public comment Chairman Sturdivant closed the floor.

### IV. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

1. **2014-04 - 127 Church Street; Replacement of existing signage:** Cindi Sanderson presented the request on behalf of Madison United Methodist Church. She stated the church desires to replace the current sign with a new monument sign. The proposed sign will sit a few feet south of the current sign and be positioned perpendicular to Church Street. Mrs. Sanderson provided a rendering of the two (2) sided sign, which will sit on a brick base that will match the building. The center will be internally lit and have a changeable copy board as well as the name of the church. The top of the sign will be made of synthetic stucco material and will mimic the pitch of the building's roof. The address, written in black letters, will be on the top portion. Embedded in the center of the base will be a stone insert with "Established 1828" written in black. The overall size of the sign will be nine (9) feet tall by ten (10) feet wide. Director Bell explained signage requirements found in Article VII of the Zoning Ordinance and stated the maximum height for the zoning district is six (6) feet. Based on the street frontage the church has, the area of the sign cannot exceed 65 square feet. Members and staff discussed the height and implications of having a larger sign. The variance process was discussed and the requirement for establishing a hardship, which does not appear to exist. Members proposed tabling the request to allow Mrs. Sanderson time to meet with the sign contractor and church's sign committee about designing a smaller sign. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sturdivant called for a motion.

**Motion:** Mr. Vaughn moved to table case number 2014-04, 127 Church Street, replacement of existing signage, to allow the church to redesign and scale down the size of the proposed sign to meet zoning requirements. Mr. Nola seconded the motion and the vote was as follows:

**Final Vote:**

Charles Sturdivant	Aye
Teddy Powell	Absent
Jeanne Steadman	Aye
Dennis Vaughn	Aye
Elbert Balch	Aye
Charles Nola	Aye
Cindy Sensenberger	Aye

**Motion Carried.**

**V. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION (COMMISSION MEMBERS AND CITY STAFF)**

Chairman Sturdivant opened the floor to Commission members and city staff that had other items for discussion. There being none, Chairman Sturdivant closed the floor.

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS (MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC)**

Chairman Sturdivant opened the floor to members of the public having other business to bring before the Commission:

Walt and Larry Anderson addressed the Commission to share ideas for upcoming renovations to their building at 212 Main Street. Ideas included: installation of three (3) inch foam insulation on the roof; covering the south and east elevations with Dryvit/EIFS; installation of a roll-up style door on the south side of the building which will be used for deliveries and removal of the detached building at the rear of the lot. The west elevation (front) will be unchanged and remain white brick. Members discussed Dryvit application technique and colors and the visibility of the Dryvit applied walls from outdoor seating areas. Members stated they support the proposed renovations as long as applicants follow guidelines adopted by the HPC and set forth by the State of Alabama Historical Commission. Messrs. Anderson stated they would formally apply for a Certificate of Appropriateness when they are ready to proceed.

There being no other business, Chairman Sturdivant closed the floor.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Sturdivant adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED,



CHARLES STURDIVANT, CHAIRMAN

MADISON STATION HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

ATTEST:



SHERRI WILLIAMS, BOARD SECRETARY