

MINUTES
MADISON STATION HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MAY 13, 2015 REGULAR MEETING

The meeting convened in the Madison Municipal Complex, Planning and Building Conference Room, 100 Hughes Road, Madison, Alabama 35758 and was 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 @ 5:59
Elbert Balch	Absent
Charles Nola	Present
Cindy Sensenberger	Present
D.J. Klein, City Council Liaison	Absent

CITY STAFF PRESENT

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

REGISTERED PUBLIC ATTENDEES

Matthew Balch; Melanie Williard, Madison City Clerk

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

Chairman Sturdivant asked Commission members for suggested changes or corrections to the draft minutes of the February 11, 2015 Regular Meeting. There being none, Chairman Sturdivant called for a motion:

Motion: Ms. Steadman moved to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2015 Regular Meeting, as written. Ms. Sensenberger seconded the motion and the vote was as follows:

Final Vote:

Charles Sturdivant	Aye
Jeanne Steadman	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. **2015-04 - 106 Main Street - Addition to Commercial Building (Conceptual plan approved July 9, 2014);** Matthew Balch appeared and presented the architectural rendering of the proposed addition, which included one (1) change from the conceptual plan - the configuration of the steps to the entrance on the south elevation. Sherri Williams stated that the plan had been reviewed by Fire Marshall Charles Williams and Building Director Jimmy Morgan, who had the following comments: 1. Windows on the west elevation must be removed because a firewall cannot have openings when within one (1) to three (3) feet from property line; 2. Cornice/parapet must be constructed of non-flammable material. Board members and Mr. Balch discussed architectural detail for west elevation as required in the Zoning Ordinance. Detail, to provide the appearance of three (3) upper and one (1) or two (2) lower bricked "windows", would be acceptable. Ms. Sensenberger suggested Mr. Balch look at the west elevation of her new building to better understand the concept. The use of decorative shutters was discussed and acceptable to members. It was agreed that the final revisions would be approved by the Planning Department and did not require additional HPC review.

Motion: Ms. Steadman moved to approve case number 2015-04, 106 Main Street, as presented and including replacing the windows on the west elevation with architectural detail of three (3) upper and one (1) or two (2) lower bricked "window" detail, to align and balance, with or without shutters, the final revisions to be approved by the Planning Department. Ms. Sensenberger seconded the motion and the vote was as follows:

Final Vote:

Charles Sturdivant	Aye
Jeanne Steadman	Aye
Dennis Vaughn	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 with other items for discussion.

1. Amy Sturdivant discussed banner arms and flag pole mounts which match the existing light poles and provided two (2) different sizes of flag poles for consideration. Members stated they preferred the one (1) inch pole in black, to match the light poles. She also provided a sample of the banner material and stated seasonal banners, a historic district style banner and later, a City of Madison banner to match the new city branding that is being created, will hang from light poles. Tables and furniture for the plaza area, which will be functional, ADA compliant and manufactured by a company that will provide long term accessibility to replacement parts was discussed. Members stated they preferred the Rendezvous style for tables, benches and trash receptacles. Tables in the pewter color shown, with black umbrellas and benches and trash receptacles, black in color, were preferred by members. Members again expressed concern about emptying the trash receptacles and Melanie Williard stated she would check on bundling them with the garbage service, instead of Public Works Department being responsible. Chairman Sturdivant stated he would like the June meeting to include a walk through the downtown and discussion of the future plan for development. Amy Sturdivant stated that 4-Site is currently preparing a plan for the well area, for review at the June meeting. She has also asked for a plan for the Village Green area to be implemented incrementally.
2. Amy Sturdivant stated that Old Black Bear has requested reconsideration of case 2015-03 to allow the painting of the exterior brick of 212 Main Street, since it has been determined the brick is not glazed, as previously thought and rusty areas are visible following the removal of the metal awning and cannot be cleaned. The paint color will closely match the current color off-white color.

Motion: Mr. Vaughn moved to amend 2015-03 to allow the painting of the brick exterior of 212 Main Street, using an off-white color, similar to the existing brick. Mrs. Steadman seconded the motion and the vote was as follows:

Final Vote:

Charles Sturdivant	Aye
Jeanne Steadman	Aye
Dennis Vaughn	Aye
Charles Nola	Aye
Cindy Sensenberger	Aye

Motion Carried.

3. Amy Sturdivant stated that staff approved Old Black Bear's request to put temporary, peel and stick type letters, on the inside of the windows, above the door.

4. Jeanne Steadman stated it appeared the shutters and door of 209 Mill is being or has been painted. Sherri Williams stated Code Enforcement had already visited and informed resident a COA would be required. In regard to questions about Madison Elementary drainage work, Amy Sturdivant stated it is a joint project between the city and the school. Ms. Steadman stated concern about the Wann house and praised the Beech house renovations. She also stated that the Madison Cemetery Committee ordered plaques from the Alabama Historical Commission as part of the old Madison cemetery being listed on the AHC historic cemetery register. Gerald Clark, as City Council liaison, acquired the money to pay for the marker.

There being no other items for discussion, 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. There being none, Chairman Sturdivant closed the floor.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sturdivant adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED,



CHARLES STURDIVANT, CHAIRMAN
MADISON STATION HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

ATTEST:



SHERRI WILLIAMS, BOARD SECRETARY