

CITY OF COVINGTON
Covington Historic District Commission
Minutes
November 10, 2020
4:00PM

CHDC Members

PETER LINK – CHAIRMAN
PEGGY DESJARDINS
SEYMON “WINDY” HARTZOG
LISA CONDREY WARD
STEPHANIE BOYLES

Staff

NAHKETAH BAGBY, CITY PLANNER
JULIAN “ROD” RODRIGUE, CITY ATTORNEY
JOANN RUCKER, SECRETARY
CALLIE BAKER, CITY ENGINEER
CHRISTOPHER BROWN, BUILDING OFFICIAL
BONNIE CHAMPAGNE, COUNCIL CLERK

WE WERE IN COMPLIANCE WITH PHASE 3 OF GOVERNOR EDWARDS REOPENING OF THE STATE PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING, HAND SANITIZER AND RECOMMENDING FACE MASK WERE WORN.

Commissioner Link called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Roll Call:

- **Members Present:** Commissioner Peter Link, Commissioner DesJardins, Commissioner Stephanie Boyles and Commissioner Lisa Ward
- **Members Absent:** Commissioner Windy Hartzog
- **Staff Present:** Nahketah Bagby-*Planning & Zoning Director* and JoAnn Rucker, Secretary

Commissioner DesJardins made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2020 CHDC Meeting. **Commissioner Ward** seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a voice vote of 4-0.

Commissioner DesJardins made a motion to approve the 2021 CHDC Meeting Calendar. **Commissioner Ward** seconded the motion. The calendar was approved by a voice vote of 4-0.

Commissioner Hartzog arrived at 4:02.

Commissioner Link suggested to change all meeting to 4:00pm instead of having them at 5:30pm.

Commissioner DesJardins made a motion to change the CHDC Commissions meeting time from 5:30pm to 4:00pm. **Commissioner Ward** seconded the motion. The change in time was approved by a voice vote of 5-0.

Nahketah Bagby, City Planner stated that the change of the time would have to be advertised in the newspaper and will be put on the agenda for the December 08, 2020 meeting to vote on the change to the CHDC meeting rules.

CASES:

1. Case# 20-11-20CHDC - Request: An application for a certificate of appropriateness for the material alterations (elevating the existing structure, foundation work and ADA access ramp) for the property located at 218 E. Gibson St. Covington, LA.

Zoning: HDC-MUOD Historic Downtown Covington mixed-use overlay district.

Petitioner: Joseph E. Vidal (Civil Engineer- Home Paje LLC) and Philip Cameron Clesi (Cameron Clesi Foundations, L.L.C.)

Owner: Joshua Allison

Mr. Gerald Clesi led the discussion. .Mr. Clesi explained in detail the reasoning for the elevation of the building concerning ventilation and a new foundation and also explained the new handicap ramp would not encroach in the setbacks.

Commissioner Ward made a motion to accept Case # 20-11-20CHDC as proposed with the understanding that there will be some inches different in the final height of the raised but, not more than 24 inches. . **Commissioner Hartzog** seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Peter Link	Yes
Peggy DesJardins	Yes
Windy Hartzog	Yes
Lisa Condrey Ward	Yes
Stephanie Boyles	Yes

2. Case# 20-11-21CHDC-Request: An application for a certificate of appropriateness for the material alterations for installation of a new sign face and re-orienting and re-positioning the existing post sign for the property located at 202 N. Jefferson Street, Covington, LA.

Zoning: HDC-MUOD Historic Downtown Covington mixed-use overlay district.

Petitioner: Gallardo Signs

Owner: Erika Pearce Photography

Mr. Jason Sameluk with Gallardo signs led the discussion.

Commissioner Hartzog made a motion to approve Case # 20-11-21CHDC as presented. **Commissioner DesJardins** seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Peter Link	Yes
Peggy DesJardins	Yes
Windy Hartzog	Yes
Lisa Condrey Ward	Yes
Stephanie Boyles	Yes

3. Case# 20-11-22CHDC-Request: An application for a certificate of appropriateness for the material alterations to install an awning for the property located at 705 Boston St. Covington, LA.

Zoning: HDC-MUOD Historic Downtown Covington mixed-use overlay district.

Petitioner: David Solazzo and Torre Solazzo

Owner: Ashley Riley of Jordan Enterprises LLC

Mrs. Torre Solazzo led the discussion. She explained the scale of the awning and the size of the sign. The sign is the next case which is 20-11-23CHDC but was discussed due to Case # 20-11-22CHDC and #20-11-23CHDC is the same property.

Commissioner Boyles made a motion to approve Case # 20-11-22CHDC as presented. **Commissioner Ward** seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Peter Link	Yes
Peggy DesJardins	Yes
Windy Hartzog	Yes
Lisa Condrey Ward	Yes
Stephanie Boyles	Yes

4. Case# 20-11-23CHDC- Request: An application for a certificate of appropriateness for the material alterations to install a new wall sign for the property located at 705 Boston St. Covington, LA.

Zoning: HDC-MUOD Historic Downtown Covington mixed-use overlay district.

Petitioner: David Solazzo and Torre Solazzo

Owner: Ashley Riley of Jordan Enterprises LLC

Commissioner Link pointed out the case had been discussed in the previous case.

Commissioner Ward made a motion to approve Case # 20-11-23CHDC as submitted recognizing that this sign in the 20X40' space is a variance from our sign ordinance but, this particular circumstance given the scale of the building and everything else , Commissioner Ward moved to approve . **Commissioner DesJardins** seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Peter Link	Yes
Peggy DesJardins	Yes
Windy Hartzog	Yes
Lisa Condrey Ward	Yes
Stephanie Boyles	Yes

Other Business:

- Those of you who have received the link for the CAMP please listen, the recording counts for 8 hours of training.
- Commissioner Boyles announced that she will be getting married at the end of the month and will be moving out of St. Tammany Parish to Washington Parish so she will not be able to serve on the CHDC commission. She has contributed so much to the CHDC and she will be truly missed. We wish her the best of luck and congratulations on her marriage. Thank you Stephanie!

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.