

CITY OF COVINGTON
COVINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021

4:00 pm

CHDC Members

Peter Link – Chairman
Seymon “Windy” Hartzog, III
Michael Hunley
Lisa Condrey Ward
Peggy DesJardins

Staff

Nahketah Bagby, City Planner
Ellen Agee, Secretary

Commissioner Link called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

Roll Call:

- **Members Present:** Commissioner Peter Link, Chairman, Commissioner Seymon “Windy” Hartzog III and Commissioner Michael Hunley
- **Members Absent:** Commissioner Peggy DesJardins and Commissioner Lisa Condrey-Ward
- **Staff Present:** Nahketah Bagby – *Planning & Zoning Director* and Ellen Agee, *Secretary*

Commissioner Hunley made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2021, Special Meeting. **Commissioner Hartzog** seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a 3-0 voice vote. 3-0

Cases:

1. **Case No. 21-06-07CHDC (Sign)** - An application for a certificate of appropriateness for material alterations for a new post sign for the commercial property located at 530 E. Rutland, Covington, LA.

Petitioner: LA LA Lagniappe -Erin Williams

Owner: Patrick Clanton

Mr. Rory Gallardo, Gallardo Signs spoke and explained that they are requesting to remove the non-compliant existing sign and replace with a new, compliant sign.

Commission Hartzog motioned to approve request 21-06-07 CHDC as submitted. **Commissioner Hunley** seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Peter Link – Chairman	Yes
Seymon “Windy” Hartzog III	Yes
Michael Hunley	Yes

Lisa Condrey-Ward Absent
Peggy DesJardins Absent

2. CASE No. 21-06-08CHDC- An application for a certificate of appropriateness for the construction of a proposed Beer Garden at the north corner of New Hampshire and Lockwood Streets. The property is Lot 5-A in Sq. 16 Division of St. John, Covington, Louisiana.

Petitioner (s): George N. Landrum and James W. Henson

Owner: Testiga Properties LLC - Jerry Braswell

Commissioner Hunley expressed concerns regarding possible building permit issues with the rear landing and to eliminate a future issue that would need to come before the Commission, changes to the rear exit landing area were discussed.

Commissioner Hartzog had an inquiry regarding the fence design and plans for foliage to cover the fence in the future –

Nahketah Bagby, Planning and Zoning Director, reminded applicant that the lighting has to be dark sky compliant.

Nahketah Bagby, Planning and Zoning Director reminded that the CHDC approves fence design, but separate fence permit may have to be applied for and there is a \$25 fence permit fee.

George Landrum, on behalf of Covington Beer Garden, confirmed that the proposed fence design includes foliage.

Commissioner Hunley motioned that the request be accepted as submitted with the exception to the plans for the rear exit/landing which should be larger than shown and placed in the opposite direction from that indicated on the plans. **Commissioner Hartzog** seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Peter Link – Chairman Yes
Seymon “Windy” Hartzog III Yes
Michael Hunley Yes
Lisa Condrey-Ward Absent
Peggy DesJardins Absent

3. Case No. 21-06-09CHDC (Signs) - An application for a certificate of appropriateness for signage for the proposed Beer Garden at the north corner of N. New Hampshire and Lockwood Streets. The property is Lot 5-A in Sq 16 Division of St. John, Covington, Louisiana.

Petitioner (s): George N. Landrum and James W. Henson

Owner: Testiga Properties LLC - Jerry Braswell

George Landrum, on behalf of the Covington Beer Garden, explained the sign locations presented in the request to the Commission. There will be a sign on Lockwood, N New Hampshire, on the Archway and on the building.

Commissioner Hunley clarified, Two signs on Lockwood, one up high and one lower.

Commissioner Link asked if one of the signs on Lockwood could be removed from the request.

Commissioner Hunley expressed concerns that both the signs quantity and size exceed requirements. He further clarified that the two signs on the building would be painted on the structure. Further, it was discussed and considered that the “archway sign” is not actually a sign, but in fact, an arch with the name of the business designed in and part of the archway.

Commissioner Hunley motioned to accept the request as submitted except removing the larger, lower sign on Lockwood Street elevation. **Commissioner Hartzog** seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Peter Link – Chairman	Yes
Seymon “Windy” Hartzog III	Yes
Michael Hunley	Yes
Lisa Condrey-Ward	Absent
Peggy DesJardins	Absent

4. Case No. 21-06-10CHDC - An application for a certificate of appropriateness for material alterations for the commercial property located at 315 N. Vermont St., Division of St. John, Covington, Louisiana. The request is for modifications to an existing building, a new ADA ramp, update fencing, remove two (2) dilapidated sheds and add a walking -in-cooler in rear of building.

Petitioner: 315 Holdings, LLC -Matt Lee

Owner: C.M.R. Lee/Nadine Benton

Summary: The following modification are being made:

1. Closing existing 500 Sf screened porch.
2. Replacing current exterior front patio with a raised dining area.
3. Addition ADA Ramp,
4. Remove two (2) dilapidated sheds.
5. Add a walk-in-cooler/freezer to the fenced -in rear of budling.
6. Fencing -update picket fence in front and privacy fence in rear.

Matt Lee and Efrain Bermuder explained the request before the commission.

Commissioner Link read comments from Commissioner Ward, who was not in attendance requested the following comments be entered into the record:

"I have no comments on the modifications requested in numbers 2,3, 6. I am not opposed to numbers 4 and 5.

I do not think the modification number 1, requesting to enclose the screen porch meets the test for material and texture. While the porch is a later addition, it does not detract from the original building. Enclosing with wood or siding with an off-center commercial French doors has a jarring effect and detracts from the original building."

Commissioner Hunley expressed concerns that the drawings are not proportioned with the structure and that he agreed with Commissioner Ward.

Commissioner Hunley motioned to accept sections/issues 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, as submitted; and to table section 1(Closing existing 500 Sf screened porch) for the July 13, 2021, CHDC meeting and to have a workshop/work session with the applicant prior to the July 13th meeting to better understand section/issue 1 of the request. **Commissioner Hartzog** seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Peter Link – Chairman	Yes
Seymon “Windy” Hartzog III	Yes
Michael Hunley	Yes
Lisa Condrey-Ward	Absent
Peggy DesJardins	Absent

5. Case No. 21-06-11CHDC –

THIS REQUEST WAS WITHDRAWN BY APPLICANT ON MAY 24, 2021.

An application for a certificate of appropriateness for the material alteration for exploration demolition for the commercial property located at 332 N. New Hampshire St. (Star Theater) Division of St. John, Covington, Louisiana. The request is to remove panels from the front of the building to make an assessment on the building’s structural integrity.

Petitioner: Andrew McIver

Owner: Succession of Warren Joseph Salles Jr. -Joey Salles

OTHER BUSINESS

Nahketah Bagby stated with regards to Case No. 21-06-10CHDC recommended that the Commissioners and applicant discuss the available dates and times for the workshop/work session. Accordingly, the dates of June 15th and 16th were discussed as preliminary options. Also, a 24-hour notice must be given.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 PM