

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2019
DOTHAN, ALABAMA**

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) held a meeting on **Thursday, April 11, 2019, at 4:00 p.m.**, in the Board Room, 126 North St. Andrews Street, on the second floor of the Roy L. Driggers Municipal Building (Civic Center).

Chair Grant brought the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

1. **Members Present:** Chair, Wes Grant, Vice-Chair Michael Jackson, Bart Liddon, Jon Smith, Bay Chapman, and Pete McInish.

Members absent: Jon Smith, Seaborn Wood IV, Ruby Harris, and Michael Riddle

Others Present: Todd McDonald, AICP, Planning Director; Anthony Vallone, Planner I; Stacey Livingston, Business Services Manager; and, Theresa Eddy, Secretary

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Chair Grant asked Mr. Vallone if there were any changes to the agenda and Mr. Vallone stated that there was none. **Mr. Liddon made a motion to approve the agenda, Mr. McInish seconded, and the motion carried.**

3. **Approval of March 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. McInish made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Mr. Jackson seconded, and the motion carried.

4. **Disclosure of ex parte contact – None.**

Old Business

None.

New Business

5. **HPC-19-0083: Request approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for two logos painted on the brick, located at 308 N St Andrews St., B-1 District, The Plant represented by Alan Clark.** Mr. Alan Clark and Mr. Deavours Clark addressed the commission. Mr. Alan Clark explained that he was the owner of DSI and that business afforded The Plant so they wanted to honor that with a logo sign for the May 17, 50th-year-anniversary party and was not aware that it was a violation until they received a phone call from the City. Mr. Vallone stated that Mr. Clark was requesting approval on two signs that were painted onto the building and one temporary sign. Mr. Clark explained that the signs were on, what he believed, to be the back of the building.
The signs in violation were;
 - a. The Plant Logo sign. The size was correct, however, it was painted on the brick leaving the building in question of contributing status and causing the old brick possible moisture problems from lack of breathability.
 - b. The DSI Sign, seen as an advertising sign and even though the size is correct, it was painted onto the old brick leaving future problems such as contributing status and the fact that the business is not located on premise.
 - c. A temporary sign on the chain link fence – did not have a permit.

Mr. Vallone explained that by having these signs it could cause the owner to lose contributing status, therefore jeopardizing any grant opportunities or tax credits.. Chair Grant explained that if not done correctly, paint on the old bricks would not allow them to

breathe and would deteriorate, causing problems. Mr. McDonald affirmed that painting on old brick creates Design Violations and he acknowledged that there were other murals in town but have specific guidelines and processes in order to preserve the brick. Mr. Liddon stated that it had been done before and they could allow the signs to age and become "Ghost" signs. Ghost signs are signs left to fade on the walls, and Vice-Chair Jackson was in favor of that recommendation

Mr. Alan Clark stated that he did not intentionally do this and that he was not aware and sought counsel from the HPC as to what could be done. Mr. Deavours Clark stated that they will be filing for the license to have an office for DSI Security in The Plant building and will get a temporary sign permit. Ms. Chapman recommended that there be a timeline added to have the DSI Business on premise to have the DSI Sign in compliance. Chair Grant asked for a motion at this time. ***Vice-Chair Jackson made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness with the three (3) staff recommendations with the amendment that the DSI Security license be purchased within 2 weeks, Mr. Liddon seconded and then Ms. Chapman amended the motion that the DSI Security sign be allowed to fade as well, Mr. Liddon seconded, and the amendment carried, and then the motion carried.***

1. Approval of the "Plant" sign.
2. Approval of DSI sign to be brought into compliance based on the establishment of a business license and a physical presence that shall be established and maintained at 308 N. St. Andrews St. The license to be obtained within 2 weeks and the sign to be allowed to fade.
3. Approval of all temporary signs not to exceed 30 days.

6. **Committee Updates:**

- **Design Guideline**
No update.

- **Commercial District and DOD Boundary**
No update.

7. **Discussion**

8. **Adjourn.**

Mr. McInish made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Liddon seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The next meeting will be May 9, 2019.



Chairman Wes Grant



Theresa Eddy, Secretary