

City of Danville Architectural Heritage Board

Minutes for the regular-called meeting of January 18, 2023

Members present: Pat Boatwright
John Bowling
Dana Dixon, secretary
Mary Girard, vice-president
Gary Nogle
Tom Tye, president

Members not present:

Others present: Joni House, CLG coordinator

1. Tye called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.
2. Tye asked for approval of minutes from the previous meeting held November 16, 2022.
Boatwright moved to approve with a request to correct the spelling of her name; Girard seconded; passed.
3. A COA has been requested for a storefront sign at 461 W. Main St., the site of Papa John's Pizza. Cassie Barker of USA signs presented the plan for a backlit sign to replace the previous façade sign that had been damaged. Bowling spoke on behalf of the plan in order to support business, rather than adhere the overlay district's Design Guidelines, which do not permit backlit signs. House reminded the board that three other requests for backlit signs have been denied recently. Since changes in design, materials, and size are planned, the proposed sign must be reviewed as a new sign. The plastic glossy materials suggested are also deemed inappropriate according to our Guidelines.
Dixon moved to deny the proposed sign based on findings of fact; Girard seconded the motion. The vote was five "yeas" and one "no." The motion carried.
A second COA for the above address for the approval of a new tenant sign near the public right-of-way meets the criteria set forth in the design guidelines.
Girard moved to approve the proposed tenant sign as submitted; Boatwright seconded the motion; approved unanimously.
Owner Les Letton spoke about the property in question, which does not represent the historic area. A discussion ensued regarding the location of this business in a small section within the overlay district of noncontributing structures that house retail businesses, including a gas/convenience store; the board sought a remedy. House stated that two areas are outside the period of historic significance; the other is at the east end of the Main St. business district. To remove them from the historic overlay district, she would have to make sure that such changes would not affect our CLG status.
Bowling moved that the board direct staff to prepare a letter to the Board of Commissioners requesting removal of two commercial areas from the overlay district; Nogle seconded. Passed.
4. House asked members to confirm their training sessions for the past year and recommended our annual report to the Kentucky Heritage Council include her observation that the community is becoming more aware of preservation programs and recent buyers are seeking tax credits. Boatwright ask that our annual report refer to the excellent work done by staff.
- 4a. *Bowling moved the board formally recognize the passing of Annabelle Girard, Mary's mother; Boatwright seconded. Passed unanimously.*
5. House reported that the request to protect the Lanier-Toliver House by designating it a historic landmark is likely to be approved. Bowling reported that he would like to apply to have his property at 406 Maple Avenue protected as a historic landmark. House explained the process through which an owner may apply for stand-alone landmark status.
6. Girard moved to adjourn the meeting; Bowling seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Dana Dixon, secretary

APPROVED:

