

City of Danville Architectural Heritage Board

Minutes for the special-called meeting of March 16, 2022

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

Members not present: Tom Tye, president

Others present: Joni House, CLG coordinator
Bridgette Lester, Codes Enforcement director
Nina Wesley, Codes Enforcement staff

1. Girard called the meeting order at 9:32 am
2. Gary Nogle was introduced as a new member of the board. Nogle, an architect, said he and his wife retired and moved to Danville from San Diego, CA, two years ago.
3. Girard asked for approval of minutes from the previous meeting held January 19, 2021.
Bowling moved to approve; Boatwright seconded; approved.
4. A COA for 135 N. Second, presented by owner Bruce Richardson, requested permission to remove signage and awning and replace with black steel panels, which will match materials used for their warehouse space as well as a neighboring property. He noted installation of staff-approved lighting for outdoor mural has been completed.
Bowling moved to approve the proposed change; Boatwright seconded; approved.

A COA for new signage at 305 West Main was presented by restaurateur Beau Cacciatore, who proposed a metal sign be placed on the façade that would cover the building's original name plaque.
Dixon moved to deny the request based on the fact that we are not supposed to cover shadow signs; seconded by Nogle. (Guidelines for Historic Signage 6.2.1.D states "diminishing the visibility of historic 'ghost signs' is not appropriate.")

Discussion: Nogle noted that the intent of the Design Guidelines is to preserve the appearance of historic signage, and while the proposed sign is attractive, it would be too high for good street-level visibility. Members expressed support for the enterprise and asked Mark Nolan of USA signs if an alternative design could be achieved, which he affirmed. Bowling said that because the building is listed on the National Historic Registry, he encouraged Cacciatore work with Nolan to develop an alternative design. Cacciatore stated that he would find a vote to deny without merit.

Girard asked Dixon to restate the motion per 6.2.2:

The motion to deny is because the stone architrave is a historic name plaque, and it is inappropriate to cover it. The motion carried with no "nays."

Girard let Cacciatore know we would reconvene before the next scheduled meeting on request.

5. House reported staff-approved COAs for conforming signs that were all appropriate.
6. House discussed the need to set goals and suggested re-adopting last year's goals.
Boatwright moved to approve previous stated goals; Dixon seconded; carried.
Girard noted that the City Attorney was not in attendance for today's meeting.
7. Bowling moved to adjourn the meeting; Nogle seconded. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Dana Dixon, secretary

APPROVED:



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