



SUMMARY MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
of the HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11th, 2019 5:15 P.M.

The Historic Preservation Board of the City of Leesburg held its regular meeting Wednesday, October 9th, 2019 in the 3rd Floor City Commission Chambers at City Hall. Vice-Chair Sanna Henderson called the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m.

The following members were present:

Sanna Henderson
Paige Chassie
Guy Ross
Skellie Morris
Stewart Kaplan
Merle Skinner

The following members were absent:

Joyce Hughes
Vickie Lingerfelt

City staff present included Kandi Harper, Senior Planner, Sabrina Mitchell, Administrative Assistant II. and Careylee Murray, Planner.

MINUTES

APPROVAL OF SUMMARY MINUTES OF October 9, 2019 HPB MEETING

Minutes from the October 9, 2019 meeting were presented for discussion/approval. Without objections or other discussions, **Commissioner Skinner motioned to APPROVE, Commissioner Chassie seconded the motion. The motion CARRIED unanimously by a 6-0 vote.**

DISCUSSION

1. MOTE MORRIS PRESENTATION

Amy Fleck with the Public Works Division gave a detailed presentation of the Mote Morris House; review of project milestones mentioned back in August, Phase I is done; in Phase II now, exterior work in the background; a lot of interior work taking place, 90% plans delivered; go to Commission for approval before construction starts, permitting taking place as they go, once Phase II done; then you will really see construction taking place, current pictures; first picture (architect design), second picture (City of Leesburg design), wall colors, first floor project design; second floor (nursery); back stairwell; totally being recreated; new walls, floors, go back through home to make sure everything flows; exterior work; go back in with lattice; reinforce with 2x4 and secure it to the home; to prevent unwanted guests, access points on either side of the house, landscaping good, glass good will keep; make sure to put in good windows.

Board Members discussed wall paper, similar color to wall, wall to wall (papered), wood work, double pane windows, pre-function room used for (butler pantry), National Register; difficult to keep on register, can lights (LED lights) prefer City of Leesburg choice for lights, and when Mote Morris House going back to Commission.

DC Mauldin Director of Public Works gave a description of the cans lights; (LED) lights.

Chair Henderson stated she likes the City lighting choice.

Gloria Ann stated she likes the City choice for lights.

DC Mauldin stated he talked with the State Preservation folks; and the discussion got into the issue whether or not the historic character of the building was changed by the fire and to what extent; sent lots of pictures, we are not going to get your plaque; lots of buildings burned to the ground, left it along; don't maintain the register; he wanted it to look historic, but not necessary be historic, officially on the register; not going to change, has to see the Commission, also speak with the insurance adjuster to see if they are comfortable with funding the majority if not all of this project.

Gloria Ann stated they didn't lose the National Register, but they never did change our street address.

Chairman Henderson stated when will they go before the Commission.

DC Mauldin replied relatively soon; he thinks in January.

Chairman Henderson stated if anyone from the audience would like to ask a question.

Gloria Ann stated if the fence could be restored.

DC Mauldin stated he don't know if the fence is restorable.

2. SIMON SEED UPDATE

Robert Mangiamele introduced himself for the record representing the owner of the building.

Jamie Senatore with Senatore Architectural Construction gave a detailed presentation of the new building at subject property; presented drawings of building, front of the building look; almost identical as it did before, same awning, all new block, approved color of building; gray, red roof; all the same,

building completely unstable; roof holding walls up, good part 1st Street always been very crowded; narrow; moving building to the East about 6.5', 1st Street wide; no angle parking; square parking, building longer, putting in mural on the side; don't know what they will put on there; next to Oyster Bar, police station side; some parking, meeting the requirements of the City, build up to all the codes; inside functional building, also building was eaten up with live termites.

Board Members type of business, parking, facade, inside of the building, project cost; rebuild, preserve the history, and timeframe of the project.

Robert Mangiamele replied this is going to be an auto collision.

Kandi Harper Senior Planner stated we have a video of the wall coming down.

Robert Mangiamele stated they were keeping the original Simon Seed door; hanging on wall also an insignia in the front of the doorway; will put that back in there, definitely keeping the Simon Seed name around it.

Jamie Senatore stated the net result will be around \$50 to \$70K add to the project to rebuild; more like original than what was there, same shape, window pattern, awning over the front will be there. Hoping somewhere near the end of February or 1st of March; project timeframe, lost time due to drawings on renovating the building; working on drawings for new building; much better building.

Chairman Henderson asked if there are any other questions.

Robert Mangiamele stated the name of the collision center is Community Collision of Leesburg.

Chairman Henderson asked if anyone else have any questions.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Chairman Henderson stated where is the sign; house of the month and we need to pick another house.

Kandi Harper Senior Planner replied the sign is in Dianne office., and stated the sign said the house of the month Historic Preservation.

Vice-Chairman stated have we ever done 111 Orange Street.

Chairman Henderson stated we need to check our list to see if we ever done it before.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NONE

THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LEESBURG HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD IS JANUARY 29TH, 2019 (AS NEEDED BASIS)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Board Member Ross and seconded by Board Member Morris.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Sanna Henderson, Chair

Sabrina Mitchell
Administrative Assistant II
Planning & Zoning Division
Community Development Department