


CITY OF CLAREMONT
Historic District Commission Meeting
Thursday, July 24, 2014
City Hall, City Manager's Office at
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES
Approved 8/28/2014

I. Roll Call

Members Present: David Messier, Brenda Hannah, Kristin Kenniston, and James Reed
Absent: Richard Wahrlich

II. Review of Minutes from June 26, 2014

Motion: To approve the minutes of June 26, 2014

Made by: Ms. Hannah **Second:** Mr. Messier **Vote:** Unanimous in favor

III. Old Business

- Clarify intent of motions made at April 24 and June 26 meetings regarding application for Revolution Cantina

This item was moved to later in the meeting.

IV. New Business

- **#2014-00004 Red River, 21 Water Street** – Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for two signs to be placed between the 5th and 6th floors of the building at 21 Water Street. Tax Map 120, Lot 6. Zone: MU.

Lorna Rae Philleson presented the application. The application is for a sign made of individual letters spelling “Red River” to be mounted on the north and east sides of the building at 21 Water Street between the 5th and 6th floors. The individual letters are internally lit. During the day, the letters appear solid black. At night they become soft white. Ms. Philleson explained that this was the only practical way to provide signage for the company on such a large building, in such a difficult location (right on the Sugar River) and to be visible from a distance of 400 feet. The letters are 3 ft. x 6 in. tall. The full length of the sign is 17 ft. 4 in. The font of the letters matches the Red River logo.

There was much discussion of the letter design. Chairman Messier stated that the Commission doesn't approve internally-lit signs. The applicant was encouraged to further research the design.

Motion: to continue the hearing at the August 28 meeting

Made by: Ms. Kenniston **Second:** Ms. Hannah **Vote:** Unanimous in favor

Old Business (revisited)

- Clarify intent of motions made at April 24 and June 26 meetings regarding application for Revolution Cantina

The Commission stated the intent of their motion on April 24 was to allow the applicant to move forward with construction of the deck. They wanted additional information on the slats that would be part of the bottom of the deck, and asked that the applicant come to the next meeting (May 1) with that information.

The Commission's motion on June 26 was to deny only the sign portion of the application.

V. Other

The Commission discussed developing criteria that would exempt certain life-safety projects under certain circumstances. The topic will be discussed again at a later meeting.

Mr. Reed stated that the roof of the (former) Unitarian Church on Broad Street will be repaired in the next 2-3 weeks. He expressed gratitude to the Fire Department for cleaning up the overgrown vegetation in the front of the building. He also asked the Commission to consider having a portion of the HDC application fees set aside for historic renovation projects.

VI. Correspondence

The Commission had no correspondence to discuss.

VII. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn the meeting

Made by: Ms. Kenniston

Second: Ms. Hannah **Vote:** Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM

Respectfully submitted by,
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Resource Coordinator