

New Orleans Historic District Landmarks Commission
Meeting Minutes

Date: April 7, 2021

Location: Zoom Teleconference

Called to order: 1:30 p.m.

Commissioners present: Anne Redd, Jesse LeBlanc, Greg Hackenberg, Jennifer Greene, Heather Szapary, Calvin Alexander, Lee Bressler, Donna Wakeman, Annie Cambria, Jennie West, Stephanie Bruno, Jason King

Commissioners arriving after beginning of the meeting:

Commissioners absent: Emilie Bahr, Ed DeMontluzin, Ayo Love

I. Minutes of the March 10, 2021 meeting

Motion: Approve the minutes.

By: Lee Bressler

Second: Anne Redd

Result: Passed

In favor: Unanimous

Opposed:

Comments:

II. Landmark designation of 2100-2138 Valence St/4700 Loyola Ave.

Motion: Designate the property as an individual Landmark.

By: Greg Hackenberg

Second: Calvin Alexander

Result: Passed

In favor: Anne Redd, Greg Hackenberg, Jennifer Greene, Heather Szapary, Calvin Alexander, Lee Bressler, Donna Wakeman, Annie Cambria, Jennie West, Stephanie Bruno, Jason King

Opposed:

Comments:

III. Landmark nomination of 2427-2429 S Robertson St.

Motion: Nominate the property for study as an individual Landmark.

By: Calvin Alexander

Seconds: Jennifer Greene and Donna Wakeman

Result: Passed

Comments:

IV. Landmark nomination of 2419-2421 S Robertson St.

Motion: Nominate the property for study as an individual Landmark.

By: Calvin Alexander

Seconds: Jennie West and Jennifer Greene

Result: Passed

Comments:

V. Consent Agenda

Motion: Suspend the rules and move 430 Eighth St. to the regular agenda.

By: Jason King

Second: Donna Wakeman

Result: Failed

In favor: Lee Bressler, Jason King, Donna Wakeman

Opposed: Calvin Alexander, Annie Cambria, Jennifer Greene, Greg Hackenberg, Anne Redd, Heather Szapary, Jennie West

Comments: Stephanie Bruno was not present for the vote.

Motion: Approve the Consent Agenda.

By: Calvin Alexander

Second: Heather Szapary

Result: Passed

In favor: Unanimous

Opposed:

Comments: Jennie West recused herself from the Consent Agenda.

VI. New Business Work Applications

A. 800 Toledano St

Application: Installation of solar panels on a contributing, one-story, single-family residential building, located on a corner lot.

Motion: Approve the application, provided that the street-facing solar panels be moved to the other side of the roof.

By: Greg Hackenberg

Second: Calvin Alexander

Result: Passed

In favor: Anne Redd, Greg Hackenberg, Jennifer Greene, Heather Szapary, Calvin Alexander, Donna Wakeman, Annie Cambria, Jennie West, Stephanie Bruno, Lee Bressler, Jason King

Opposed:

Comments:

B. 1033 Jourdan Ave

Application: Request to remove existing barrel-style roof ridge tiles to install a new ridge vent on existing contributing one-story, two-family residential building.

Motion: Deny the request to remove the ridge tiles because they are important visual building elements, are highly visible from both sides of the building and because removing them would change the aesthetic character of the historic structure. The Commission recommended the applicant instead consider installing low-profile power roof vents a minimum of 10'-0" back from the front building wall in order to achieve the desired building ventilation.

By: Calvin Alexander

Second: Donna Wakeman

Result: Passed

In favor: Anne Redd, Greg Hackenberg, Jennifer Greene, Heather Szapary, Calvin Alexander, Donna Wakeman, Annie Cambria, Jennie West, Stephanie Bruno

Opposed: Lee Bressler, Jason King

Comments:

VII. New Business Demolition Applications

A. 7823 Leake Ave

Application: Demolition of a contributing, two-story, single-family residential building to grade.

Motion: Approve the demolition.

By: Donna Wakemen

Second: Jason King

Result: Passed

In favor: Anne Redd, Greg Hackenberg, Jennifer Greene, Heather Szapary, Calvin Alexander, Donna Wakeman, Annie Cambria, Jennie West, Lee Bressler, Jason King

Opposed: Stephanie Bruno

Comments:

B. 1414 Kerlerec St

Application: Demolition of an existing one-story contributing residential building to grade.

Motion: Defer the application for demolition so that the inspector can gain access to the property to perform a full interior and exterior inspection of the building.

By: Stephanie Bruno

Second: Jennifer Greene

Result: Passed

In favor: Anne Redd, Jesse LeBlanc, Greg Hackenberg, Jennifer Greene, Heather Szapary, Calvin Alexander, Lee Bressler, Donna Wakeman, Annie Cambria, Jennie West, Stephanie Bruno, Jason King

Opposed:

Comments:

C. 7415-17 Pitt St

Application: Demolition of a non-contributing, one-story, single-family residential building to grade.

Motion: Approve the demolition.

By: Lee Bressler

Second: Calvin Alexander

Result: Passed

In favor: Anne Redd, Greg Hackenberg, Jennifer Greene, Heather Szapary, Calvin Alexander, Donna Wakeman, Annie Cambria, Jennie West, Stephanie Bruno, Lee Bressler, Jason King

Opposed:

Comments:

D. 3613-15 Prytania St

Application: Demolition of more than 50% of the roof of an existing contributing two-story, two-family residential building for a second-floor addition and change in roof form.

Motion: Approve the application for partial roof demolition.

By: Stephanie Bruno

Second: Calvin Alexander

Result: Passed

In favor: Anne Redd, Greg Hackenberg, Jennifer Greene, Heather Szapary, Calvin Alexander, Lee Bressler, Donna Wakeman, Annie Cambria, Jennie West, Stephanie Bruno, Jason King

Opposed:

Comments:

E. 1218 Valmont St

Application: Demolition of non-contributing one-story, rear accessory pool house structure to grade.

Motion: Defer the application until the next meeting to allow the applicant time to meet and discuss the proposed work with neighbors.

By: Stephanie Bruno

Second: Anne Redd

Result: Failed

In favor: Stephanie Bruno, Anne Redd

Opposed: Greg Hackenberg, Jennifer Greene, Heather Szapary, Calvin Alexander, Lee Bressler, Donna Wakeman, Annie Cambria, Jennie West, Jason King

Comments:

Motion: Approve the application for demolition to grade with the proviso that the applicant take care to protect and preserve the existing trees on the property.

By: Greg Hackenberg

Second: Calvin Alexander

In favor: Anne Redd, Greg Hackenberg, Jennifer Greene, Heather Szapary, Calvin Alexander, Lee Bressler, Donna Wakeman, Annie Cambria, Jennie West, Stephanie Bruno, Jason King

Comments:

F. 315 Webster St

Application: Demolition of existing non-contributing one-story, single-family residential building to grade.

Motion: Approve the application for demolition to grade.

By: Stephanie Bruno

Second: Donna Wakeman

Result: Passed

In favor: Anne Redd, Greg Hackenberg, Jennifer Greene, Heather Szapary, Calvin Alexander, Lee Bressler, Donna Wakeman, Annie Cambria, Jennie West, Stephanie Bruno, Jason King

Opposed:

Comments:

VIII. Old Business Retention Applications

A. 939-41 Thalia St

Application: Retention of construction of a side addition and installation of an awning without a CofA.

Motion: Defer the application to allow Safety & Permits to review the conditions of the new construction.

By: Jennie West

Second: Jason King

Result: Passed

In favor: Anne Redd, Greg Hackenberg, Jennifer Greene, Heather Szapary, Calvin Alexander, Donna Wakeman, Annie Cambria, Jennie West, Stephanie Bruno, Lee Bressler, Jason King

Opposed:

Comments:

IX. New Business Retention Applications

A. 435 Bouny St

Application: Retention of removal of historic brick chimneys.

Motion: Defer this item until the next Commission hearing to allow the applicant time to review their sale documents and contact the realtor and/or seller regarding the removal of the chimneys.

By: Heather Szapary

Second: Donna Wakeman

Result: Passed

In favor: Anne Redd, Jesse LeBlanc, Greg Hackenberg, Jennifer Greene, Heather Szapary, Calvin Alexander, Lee Bressler, Donna Wakeman, Annie Cambria, Jennie West, Stephanie Bruno, Jason King

Opposed:

Comments:

B. 225 Lowerline St

Application: Retention of demolition of more than 25% of the primary facade of a contributing one-story, single-family residential building without a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Motion: Approve the application for retention of façade demolition and to levy a fine of \$10,000 for the

inappropriate work completed without a Certificate of Appropriateness because it is inconsistent with the HDLC Guidelines and because the applicant made no attempt to contact HDLC Staff for review and approval prior to commencement of work.

By: Stephanie Bruno

Second: Jenny West

Result: Passed

In favor: Anne Redd, Jesse LeBlanc, Greg Hackenberg, Jennifer Greene, Heather Szapary, Calvin Alexander, Donna Wakeman, Annie Cambria, Jennie West, Stephanie Bruno, Jason King

Opposed: Lee Bressler

Comments: Lee Bressler noted that he wanted to defer the application in order to allow the applicant to attend the next meeting to present their case.

C. 1244 Annunciation St

Application: Retention of inappropriate wood-grain siding installed without a Certificate of Appropriateness.
Motion: Approve the retention, provided that if the siding is replaced in the future it will be with smooth, cementitious siding.

By: Greg Hackenberg

Second: Anne Redd

Result: Passed

In favor: Anne Redd, Greg Hackenberg, Jennifer Greene, Heather Szapary, Calvin Alexander, Donna Wakeman, Annie Cambria, Jennie West, Stephanie Bruno, Lee Bressler, Jason King

Opposed:

Comments:

X. Other Business

A. Certified Local Government review of the National Register nomination for McDonoughville

Motion: Defer action on this application until the next Commission hearing.

By: Donna Wakemen

Second: Calvin Alexander

Result: Passed

In favor: Anne Redd, Jesse LeBlanc, Greg Hackenberg, Jennifer Greene, Heather Szapary, Calvin Alexander, Lee Bressler, Donna Wakeman, Annie Cambria, Jennie West, Stephanie Bruno, Jason King

Opposed:

Comments:

B. Certified Local Government review of the National Register nomination for Leonidas

Motion: Support the approval of the National Register nomination.

By: Lee Bressler

Second: Calvin Alexander

Result: Passed

In favor: Anne Redd, Jesse LeBlanc, Greg Hackenberg, Jennifer Greene, Heather Szapary, Calvin Alexander, Lee Bressler, Donna Wakeman, Annie Cambria, Jennie West, Stephanie Bruno, Jason King

Opposed:

Comments:

XI. Ratification of Architectural Committee and Staff Actions since the Wednesday, March 10, 2021 Meeting.

Motion: Approve the ratification of the ARC and staff actions since the 3/10/21 meeting.

By: Calvin Alexander

Second: Greg Hackenberg

Result: Passed

In favor: Unanimous

Opposed:

Comments: