

**City of Lockhart
Historical Preservation Commission
July 19, 2017**

MINUTES

Members Present: Ronda Reagan, Ron Faulstich, John Lairsen, Victor Corpus

Members Absent: Kathy McCormick, Terence Gahan, Juan Alvarez, Jr.

Staff Present: Yvette Aguado, Kevin Waller, Dan Gibson

Public Present: Gene Galbraith

1. Call to Order. Chair Lairsen called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
2. Consider the minutes of the July 5, 2017 meeting.

No discussion.

Vice-Chair Reagan moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Faulstich seconded, and the motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

3. CFA-17-08. Continue consideration of a request by The Southwest Museum of Clocks and Watches for approval of a Certificate for Alteration to allow a wall-mounted sign on Part of Lot 2, Block 23, Original Town of Lockhart, zoned CCB Commercial Central Business District and located at 109 East San Antonio Street [Tabled July 5, 2017].

Chair Lairsen indicated that at the July 5 meeting, discussion had begun regarding the sign's materials and method of attachment, which were the main issues addressed at that meeting.

Vice-Chair Reagan corrected Chair Lairsen, and stated that the main issues were (1) the lack of the property owner's signature on the application, and (2) a lack of documentation showing the proposed method of sign attachment. Reagan further stated that both issues were now being resolved.

Commissioner Faulstich stated he had an issue with the mounting of the sign and the sign's weight.

Vice-chair Reagan inquired as to the size of the plywood to be used.

Mr. Galbraith responded that the plywood was ½" thick, and the same dimensions as the sign itself.

Vice-chair Reagan stated that the sign is 40' long by 34" high, and is to be backed with five 4' x 8' sheets of plywood, making the sign rather heavy.

Commissioner Corpus stated that the sign would be mounted.

Commissioner Faulstich clarified that the sign would be bolted to the existing I-beams. He asked how thick the bolts were.

Mr. Galbraith stated that there were eight, ½" thick bolts across the building's front façade. The bolts are quite ample in thickness to support the weight of the sign.

Vice-chair Reagan asked if the bolts would be trimmed to a 2" length and re-threaded.

Mr. Galbraith responded that the bolts would be trimmed to 2", since there is no need for them to extend beyond the sign. If an awning is later added, the 2" length would also accommodate the awning. The 2" x 6" cross-beam would be countersunk and mounted on the bolts by nut and washer, and then on top of that would be the ½" plywood.

Commissioner Faulstich asked if the ½" plywood would be screwed into the cross-beam.

Mr. Galbraith responded that the plywood would be screwed into the cross-beam, with the 2" x 2" wood frame surrounding the connection.

Commissioner Corpus asked if the sign would be printed directly on the plywood, or on some other material.

Mr. Galbraith responded that the sign would be printed on sheetmetal that would be screwed onto the plywood.

Commissioner Corpus suggested that the applicant consider a lighter, plastic, fabric-like sign material, since weight and potential sign fading is an issue with the currently proposed materials.

Mr. Galbraith stated that this was an option presented to them, and the material was examined, but there wasn't much of a weight difference per square foot. The sign printed on sheetmetal would be less susceptible to ultraviolet rays and fading. Galbraith stated that the proposed attachment method is strong, with screws to be set every 12" all around the sign.

Chair Lairsen stated that the bolts are designed to support a canopy.

Commissioner Corpus clarified that the bolts are designed to support most of the weight of a canopy.

The Commission then concluded that if Commission members were comfortable with the safety aspects of the proposed sign attachment method, and if the Building Official was comfortable with the structural integrity of the attachment method, the Commission would agree to move ahead and approve the proposal.

Commissioner Faulstich moved to approve CFA 17-08 as requested. Commissioner Corpus seconded, and the motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

4. Discuss the date and agenda of next meeting, including Commission requests for agenda items.

The Commission decided to add an agenda item to the next meeting to consider changing the start time of future meetings.


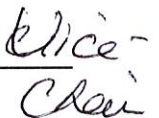
Mr. Waller stated that there was an application submitted for two window decals that met the application submission deadline to make the next scheduled meeting on August 2, 2017.

5. Adjournment.

Chairman Lairsen adjourned the meeting at 6:12pm.

Approved: 8-2-17
(date)


Yvette Aguado, Recording Secretary

 
John Lairsen, Chair