

City of Lockhart
Historical Preservation Commission
August 7, 2024

MINUTES

Members Present: Christine Ohlendorf, Jerry Haug, Marcia Proctor, Ray Ramsey, Frank Gomillion, Ron Faulstich, Kevin Thuerwaechter

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Kevin Waller, David Fowler, Romy Brossman

Public Present: Denis O'Donnell (applicant, Agenda Item 4)

1. Call meeting to order. Chair Ohlendorf called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Citizen comments not related to an agenda item. None
3. Consider the minutes of the July 17, 2024, meeting.

Commissioner Faulstich moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Haug seconded; the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

4. CFA-24-09. Consider a request by Denis O'Donnell for approval of a Certificate for Alteration for the repainting of the front and side street wall facades to a different color, and a new wall sign, on part of Lot 3, Block 23, Original Town of Lockhart, on property zoned CCB (Commercial Central Business), and located at 119 East San Antonio Street.

Planning Staff Kevin Waller provided a brief overview of the proposal via PowerPoint presentation which included a map, aerial view, interior/exterior photos and diagrams. Proposed is the repainting of a previously painted building to a new, white color, and a new wall sign for the proposed O'Donnell's Irish Pub and Kitchen. The front wall façade will be repainted to a white color above the awning and upper trim in place of the existing clay color, while the entire side street wall façade along North Commerce Street will also be repainted to the same white color. The wall sign will be located in the upper-left corner of the North Commerce Street wall façade, featuring a shortened version of the business name to read "O'Donnell's Café and Pub." The lettering will be a dark green color with a four-leaf clover animated figure giving a "thumbs-up" expression to the right of the text. Other components of the project include various repairs, cleaning and same color repainting of interior and exterior building fixtures. These components are considered ordinary maintenance and do not require a Certificate for Alteration. In addition, a new sign will be placed within the existing sign frame above the front door entry on East San Antonio Street. The new sign would be considered a change of sign face in an established sign location without the requirement for a Sign Permit or Certificate for Alteration. Staff recommends approval of the proposed repainting and new sign on the North Commerce Street wall.

Commissioner Proctor inquired as to the exact shade of the new white paint, and whether the double-door entry would remain the same red color.

Mr. Waller replied that to his understanding, the white color would be a plain white, and the red double-door color would remain the same.

Applicant Denis O'Donnell of 709 Cibilo St., Lockhart, TX, discussed the proposal and answered Commissioners' questions.

Commissioner Faulstich noted that the proposed wall sign on the North Commerce Street façade may, in time, be obscured by the crape myrtle tree growing just below the proposed sign location. He suggested reconsidering the sign's location on the wall.

Commissioner Proctor suggested keeping the sign location for visibility and instead trimming the tree as needed, as crape myrtles are not a protected species.

Mr. O'Donnell stated that he is willing to consider both options. He intends to make the front façade and patio look "pretty" with a lot of flowers, vines, and pots to grab people's attention.

Commissioner Proctor moved to approve CFA-24-09. Commissioner Thuerwaechter seconded; the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

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

Mr. Waller reported that no new applications were received by the deadline for the August 21 meeting.

Commissioner Gomillion inquired about the temporary repainting approved at the July 17 meeting for the "1923" series filming, and which business owners intend to keep their repainted wall facades as permanent elements.

Mr. Waller confirmed that the production team has until August 12 to provide him with a listing of property owners who intend to keep the new paint colors. The Commission will be provided this information at the next meeting.

Commissioner Proctor inquired about the awning removed at 117 N. Main Street, and if it will be replaced.

Mr. Waller reported speaking with the new business owner, who is working with property owner Kent Black to replace the awning due to its poor condition. It remains to be determined if the new awning will be the exact same as the previous awning; any changes in the new awning will require a Certificate for Alteration. Mr. Waller also noted that the horizontal trim line beneath the upper-story windows was inadvertently repainted to the same black color approved at the July 17 meeting for the lower portion of the front wall façade, and was not represented on the application. If the new awning requires a Certificate for Alteration, the wall trim repainting will also need to be included on the application.

6. Adjournment.

Commissioner Faulstich moved to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Gomillion seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0, and the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Romy Grossman, Recording Secretary

Approved:

8.21.2024

(date)

Christine Ohlendorf, Chairman