

**Historic Zoning Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2014**

The Historic Zoning Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on September 23, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room at the Municipal and Safety Building.

Members Present

Sheila Cox
Greg Cox, Vice Chairman
Valda Jones
Tony Street
Sam Fullen

Members Absent

Liz Biosca
Tom Mozen

Staff Present

Matt Young, Planner

Visitors

Sandra Walls
Mike Ferguson
Dianna Cantler

Commissioner Fullen called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m. and a quorum was present.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the agenda.

MOTION: Cox To approve agenda as presented.

SECOND: Jones

VOTE: Approved 5-0

Next on the agenda was the consideration of amendments made to the Historic Zoning Commission Bylaws. Article IV section H amended to add the sentence "*Commission members must notify the Secretary of plans to miss a meeting via phone call or email*". Additionally proposed was adding a paragraph to Article VI section A reading; "*It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness before beginning work. No building permit will be issued without a Certificate of Appropriateness. The applicant will be subject to fines for non-approved work.*"

Commissioner Street asked that a definition be added to the Bylaws for Architectural Scale and be considered at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

MOTION: Jones To approve amendments to Bylaws

SECOND: Street

VOTE: Approved 5-0

Next on the agenda was the consideration of Certificate of Appropriateness #2014-134 for the approval of a sign to be placed on the restaurant formerly known as the Battery located at 601 Spring Street. Staff presented the item stating that the Battery had recently changed its name to

Old South and would like to install a sign to reflect the name change. Staff recommended approval of the item.

MOTION: Fullen Approval of sign for Old South located at
SECOND: Cox 601 Spring Street.

VOTE: Approved 5-0

The next item for discussion was the Downtown Design Guidelines. Topics up for discussion included defining murals in the downtown area as well as acceptable paint. At this point Dianna Cantler asked to speak representing the Johnson City Arts Commission. She proposed setting up a committee with members from the arts board, HZC, and the community in order to determine appropriate regulations regarding murals. This is due to recent events surrounding a controversial sign in the downtown. It is the Art Councils' view that there needs to be regulation when regarding murals as not all art is considered tasteful. Talk between commission members ensued and it was agreed that this might be a positive step forward. Vice Chairman Cox then recommended that wording from the Downtown Design Guidelines from Fort Collins Colorado regarding murals be adopted by the HZC until further measures could be taken. Commission members asked staff to research the restoration of historic signs for next month's meeting.

MOTION: Cox Adopting wording from Fort Collins design guidelines regarding murals
SECOND: Fullen in Johnson City's Downtown Design Guidelines.

VOTE: Approved 5-0

At this point in the meeting it was decided that there was not enough time to discuss paint for Downtown Design Guidelines and that discussion would be tabled until the October meeting. It was requested by Vice Chairman Cox that the Commission think about changing the scheduled meeting time due to difficulties Commissioners were having in attending, and a discussion to be had at the October meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

APPROVED:



Liz Biosca, Chairman