

The Wauchula Historic Preservation Board met Monday, September 27, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Cynthia Paxton, Chair Tanya Royal, Dr. Sylvia Collins and William Boynton.

Board Members Linda Burnett, Jennifer Clark and Raafat Zakhary were absent.

Also, present were Community Development Director Kyle Long and City Clerk Holly Smith.

Royal called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

Certificate of Appropriateness – WSB Drive-Thru (Canopy)

Royal stated the certificate of appropriateness was for WSB drive-thru canopy.

Collins motioned to open the certificate of appropriateness up for discussion, seconded by Boynton, Royal asked if the canopy was made of metal. Long replied yes. Boynton stated the specs say 26-gauge metal. Royal asked if the color would match the existing color. Long suggested in the motion to make the color match the existing.

Boynton motioned to approve the certificate of appropriateness with the stipulation the color matches the existing color, seconded by Collins.

With no further discussion, Royal called for all in favor, all responded aye. For those opposed like sign, no response. Motion carried.

Discussion of 110 N. 5th Avenue

Long addressed the Board and stated he had reached out to the state historic preservation office in Tallahassee. The preservation office found a historical survey of this particular property. Long stated Boynton had also contacted the State and the documentation was provided in your backup documents. Boynton stated he received the historic survey that was done in 1996 and this property did not appear in the overall architectural survey. Boynton stated the State only linked the property to the overall significance of concept to the downtown historic district. Boynton discussed the building had been modified and added on to. Boynton stated the building did not have an overall historic significance. Boynton added he would hate to lose the building because of the number of historic buildings that have already been torn down. Discussion was had on attaching an overhang from the building at 217 E. Main to this building (110 N. 5th Avenue) and the historic value of 217 E. Main Street.

Erica Scheipsmeier addressed the Board and stated a breeze way or something would have to connect the two buildings. Royal stated that may conflict with the historic significance of 217 E. Main. Boynton stated if a breezeway was constructed it would have to be done in a way that it would not affect the historic value of 209 and 217 W. Main Street. Board wanted Long to research and check the historic significance of the building before a decision was made. Scheipsmeier stated something would have to be built regardless for expansion use. Boynton stated his concern was building onto 209 and 217 E. Main Street. Long stated the building department will have a say in the matter and if the addition is not attached, they will require a 15-foot separation. Boynton asked if there was a way to mitigate that. Long replied no. Scheipsmeier was okay with a separation.

Royal asked Travis Maldonado for his opinion on the topic. Maldonado stated he would be asking the zoning department. Maldonado stated you can build a breezeway without attaching it to the buildings. Boynton asked Scheipsmeier what the building at 110 N. 5th Avenue would be used for. Scheipsmeier replied it would be for storage. Royal felt a little more research needed to be done before a decision was made. Long stated if the building was torn down, a certificate of appropriateness was needed.

Scheipsmeier stated if the building was allowed to be torn down or not, we need to know what we can do next. Paxton mentioned she was okay with tearing the old building down (10 N 5th Avenue) but we need to find out if we can add on to 217 E. Main Street and not change the historic value.

Certificate of Appropriateness – 101 W. Main Street (Paint)

Travis Maldonado addressed the Board and stated that was a misunderstanding with the painting contractor on the color of the building. Maldonado stated he plan was to correct the error. Maldonado added his focus currently was getting the second story completed. Long stated no action was needed at this time. Royal stated she really liked the colors on the concept plans. Maldonado stated the plank boards would come at a later time. Long stated the certificate of appropriateness was good for one year. Paxton asked Maldonado what colors he was considering. Long stated after reviewing the previous minutes/zoom video he showed the Board the colors from the original concept.

Approval of Minutes from the August 23, 2021 Meeting

Boynton motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Paxton. With no discussion, Royal called for all in favor, all responded aye. For those opposed like sign, no response.

Paxton motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Boynton. With no discussion, Royal called for all in favor, all responded aye. For those opposed like sign, no response.

Meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Holly Smith, City Clerk