

CITY OF GRETNA
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING
Gretna City Hall
740 2nd Street, 2nd floor Council Chambers, Gretna, LA 70053
January 2, 2024 – 4:00 PM

To: Mayor Belinda Constant
Council Members Wayne Rau, Rudy Smith, Mike Hinyub, Mark Miller, and Jackie Berthelot
Norma J. Cruz, City Clerk

From: Peter Spera III, Chairman
Danika Gorrondona, City Building Official

Members Present:

Historian: James Rolf
District 2: Zack Dieterich
District 3: Peter Spera III
District 4: Sandra Banks
At Large: Peter Debroeck

Members Absent:

Architect: Paula Peer
District 1: Burdell Muller

FOR DISCUSSION:

(1) Window shutters discussion

Mayor Belinda Constant addressed the Historic District Commission (HDC) members regarding Bahama shutters in the Gretna's historic districts. Discussed with HDC members about existing unapproved shutter installations was inappropriate; and whether the shutters may be appropriate on certain historic homes.

Councilman Mike Hinyub continued the discussion noting that these types of shutters may be more appropriate for certain window sizes/types and were easier to operate by older residents. Member James Rolf presented information on the opinion of shutters from three other historic districts in the New Orleans Metro area. HDC members and City Building Official Ms. Danika Gorrondona discussed options for review and approval of existing and new Bahama shutter installations. HDC members determined these shutters should be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and installations may be approved based on the build style and age of the home.

CONSENT AGENDA FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Motion to approve properties on the consent agenda.

Approved 5-0 Motion by: Zack Dietrich Second by: Peter Debroeck

(1) 539 Lafayette Street - COA – 24-001 Issued

Applicant: Jennifer Joubert
For: Commercial sign

(2) 904 9th Street - COA – 24-002 Issued

Applicant: Sal Gagliano
For: Changes from approved COA 12/4/23

(3) 804 Franklin Street - COA – 24-003 Issued

Applicant: Andrew Prejean
For: Laundry room addition

(4) 433 4th Street - COA – 24-004 Issued

Applicant: Ricky Talamo
For: Front door change from original approved COA 11/1/22

(5) 524 9th Street - COA – 24-005 Issued

Applicant: John T. Vanderhooft
For: Shed

(6) 601 4th Street - COA – 24-006 Issued

Applicant: Julie Hill Foster
For: Commercial sign

PROPERTIES WITH CURRENT REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

- (1) 726-728 Madison Street - **COA – 24-007 Issued (screen door) & COD – 24-001 Issued (front doors)**

Applicant: Clair Brown

For: Front door and screen door

Portion of Packet Approved (screen door) **5-0**

Motion by: Zack Dietrich

Second by: Sandra Banks

Portion of Packet Denied (**front door**) **5-0**

Motion by: Zack Dietrich

Second by: Sandra Banks

Portion of Packet converted to Preliminary Conference (front doors) **5-0**

Motion by: Zack Dietrich

Second by: Peter Debroeck

Note: HDC noted that the new front doors installed without approval were not historically appropriate.

- (2) 500 1st Street

Applicant: Thomas Wilkinson

For: Deviation from original approved COA 4/3/23 - **COA – 24-008 Issued**

Approved 5-0 **Motion by: Zack Dietrich** **Second by: Sandra Banks**

- (3) 1114 Washington Street - **COA – 24-009 Issued**

Applicant: Hyman Bartolo Jr.

For: Renovations, preliminary conference 10/2/23

Approved 5-0 **Motion by: Zack Dietrich** **Second by: Peter Debroeck**

- (4) 701 Franklin Street - **COA – 24-010 Issued**

Applicant: Jimmy Cao

For: Residential renovations, preliminary conference 10/30/23

Approved 5-0 **Motion by: Zack Dietrich** **Second by: Sandra Banks**

- (5) 1108 Derbigny Street

Applicant: Jon McGill Sr.

For: Demolition

Converted to Preliminary Conference 5-0

Motion by: Zack Dietrich

Second by: James Rolf

Note: HDC recommended retaining the front façade and porch of the existing structure

- (6) 416 Lavoisier Street - **COA – 24-011 Issued**

Applicant: Marc Dougherty

For: Deviation from original approved COA 10/30/23, Ref.: COA 20-0004

Approved 5-0 **Motion by: James Rolf** **Second by: Sandra Banks**

OTHER MATTERS

2024 HDC Meeting calendar/schedule was presented; discussed the option on what date to hold the January 2025 meeting, since it was in conflict with holiday schedules.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by **Member Zack Dietrich** and seconded by **Member Peter Debroeck**, the Historic District Commission (HDC) meeting for January 2, 2024, adjourned at 5:29 pm, and the same was unanimously approved by all commission members.

Respectfully submitted by: Peter Spera III, Chairman