

CITY OF HARTWELL HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MARCH 8, 2022 MINUTES

Members Present: Nancy Clark, Nancy Hardigree, Mary Gidley, Darlington Ridgway, Tonnie Austin Rushing, Paul Sewell, and Charlie Pierce. There was a quorum present.

Nancy Clark opened the meeting with a review of the Agenda. It was approved with the removal of 1 COA after Paul Sewell made a motion and Nancy Hardigree seconded his motion.

Minutes from the February 8, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved after Charlie Pierce made a motion and Paul Sewell seconded his motion.

Business:

A. Certificate of Appropriateness Requests

1. Tia Athens of the Hartwell First United Methodist Church Food Pantry presented a COA to place a double wide carport beside the handicap ramp at the back of the building. Mary Gidley made a motion to table the request pending further clarification. Tonnie Austin Rushing seconded her motion. The motion carried.
2. Joe Hoffman presented a COA on behalf of Transformation Opportunities in Revitalizing Communities of Hart (T.O.R.C.H.) to build a 10' high concrete block wall to be covered in stucco, which will match the existing retaining wall and shield the dumpsters from view on Railroad Street. Charlie Pierce made a motion to approve the COA as requested and Paul Sewell seconded his motion. The motion carried.
3. Joe Hoffman presented a COA on behalf of Transformation Opportunities in Revitalizing Communities of Hart (T.O.R.C.H.) presented a COA for the backside of 41 Depot Street. Request included replacing double doors on the right as they are and double doors on the left with a single door and sidelight window. Both entrances will add a 3' setback into the building to bring it into compliance with the City of Hartwell building codes. Request also included installing a window in existing opening with plywood. Charlie Pierce made a motion to approve the COA as requested and Mary Gidley seconded his motion. The motion carried.
4. Joe Hoffman presented a COA on behalf of Transformation Opportunities in Revitalizing Communities of Hart (T.O.R.C.H.) for the frontside of 41 Depot Street. Request included replacing existing single door with double doors at the main entrance and replacing an existing window with a single door and sidelight window. Both entrances will add a 3' setback into the building to bring it into compliance with the City of Hartwell building codes. Charlie Pierce made a motion to approve the COA as requested and Tonnie Austin Rushing seconded his motion. The motion carried.

5. Patrick Toews and Wade Unruh presented a COA to locate a Kooler Ice vending machine on a concrete pad adjacent to the parking lot at 108 Athens Street. As this is not congruent with the City of Hartwell Historic Preservation Guidelines, no vote was taken and applicants were encouraged to seek another location and return for discussion.

B. Other Business

1. Doug Brooks and Elissa Schreiner were present to discuss future renovation plans to 465 Benson Street.
2. HPC will have a Work Session on Tuesday, May 10th at 2pm in City Hall prior to the regular meeting.

Having no further business, Nancy Clark adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be held in City Hall on April 12, 2022 at 4pm.

5 COA Requests Presented.

3 COA Requests Approved.

1 COA Tabled.

1 COA was not voted on.

Submitted by Darlington Ridgway, Secretary.