

Members present: Pat Boatwright  
John Bowling  
Dana Dixon, secretary  
Gary Nogle  
Tom Tye, president

Members not present: Mary Girard, vice-president

Others present: Joni House, CLG coordinator  
Bridgette Lester, Codes Enforcement director

1. Tye called the meeting order at 9:30 am
2. Tye asked for approval of minutes from the previous meeting held March 16, 2021.  
***Bowling moved to approve; Boatwright seconded; approved.***
3. A COA for 236 West Main requested permission to change the entrance by replacing double doors with an automatic door that will have tinted glass.  
***Boatwright moved to approve the proposed change; Bowling seconded the motion. It was approved with no discussion.***  
  
A COA for proposed alterations to the Weisiger Building at 123 North Fourth requested permission to replace the roof deck railing with panels made of treated wood and a heavy galvanized wire mesh. House stated that the new design is better than the current one, as the new railing will be less visible.  
***Bowling moved to approve; Nogle seconded; approved with no dissent.***
4. House reminded the board that this year's election of offices, which is required, had not yet taken place; she recommended that officers continue in their current roles.  
***Bowling so moved; Boatwright seconded; approved.***
5. House reported on staff-approved COAs, including an time extension for Second Street Christian Church to complete their ramp addition with stone cladding and installing a handrail. Other staff-approved COAs were all requests for signage in compliance with design guidelines at 115 North Third, 128 South Fourth, 321 West Walnut, 119 East Main, 305 West Main, and 132 South Thir d.
6. House reported that the work required to meet previous two CLG grants has been fully completed and approved; both have been reimbursed. Our next CLG grant application, an economic impact study to find out whether tax incentives, such as a 5-year tax abatement, should be considered by the City Commission. House would structure the grant to cover consultant fees and the City's matching share to be covered in-kind by House's work on the project. This will include creating a bid package for the purpose of hiring a consultant.  
***Dixon moved that House be authorized to initiate the process for seeking a grant to do an economic-impact study on tax incentives. Nogle seconded.***  
  
In discussion, House said the initial process involves contacting potential bidders and developing a budget. We will see those results before the next step. ***Motion carried.***  
  
At a recent conference, House saw an architectural coloring book and suggested that we consider seeking a second grant to cover the cost producing one. She will contact local arts organizations to find out if this project is feasible with community engagement.
7. Nogle reported on the CentreWorks meeting to evaluate downtown parking and walkability.
8. Tye noted that the City Attorney was not in attendance for today's meeting.
9. Boatwright moved to adjourn the meeting; Nogle seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Dana Dixon, secretary

APPROVED:

