

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
February 5, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Thom Hamilton
Mary Keele
Paul Smith
Kathy Ray
Patsy Edmondson

OTHERS PRESENT: Bruce Fleming, Planning & Zoning Director
Brenda Fletcher, Zoning Assistant
Wayne Harris – Infinity Comics
Debs Laird - Infinity Comics
Karen Laban-Downtown West Monroe Revitalization Group
Tonya Hamilton-Downtown West Monroe Revitalization Group

APPLICATION NO: COA-17-70000012
APPLICANT: Infinity Comics & Collectibles
LOCATION: 108 Cotton St.
REQUEST: Requesting Certificate of Appropriateness for removal of temporary sign / cover with vinyl blue material / metal sign is up with Hulk on one side and Batman will be on the other side in the Cottonport Historic District.

The Monday, February 5, 2018, Heritage Preservation Commission meeting was called to order by Thom Hamilton. The minutes of the December 4, 2017, meeting were reviewed and were approved as printed.

Wayne Harris told the Commission that he was running the comic book store. Thom Hamilton asked if he had already opened the store. Mr. Harris told the Commission the door opened in December 2017. Mr. Harris told the Commission that on the weekends the shop does well, but he is only open Tuesday thru Saturday. Thom Hamilton told Mr. Harris that he noticed that he had already covered the awning with his logo. Mr. Harris told the Commission that a church had been in the building before the comic book store and he loved the awning, so he had a fiberboard type of material made to go across the awning. Paul Smith asked if this would be the final product. Mr. Harris told the Commission it was the final product. Kathy Ray made the motion to **APPROVE** the Certificate of Appropriateness. Patsy Edmondson seconded. All in favor, the Certificate of Appropriateness is granted.

In other business, the Commission also discussed Marty and Mark's Jewelry that was asking to go ahead with the white lettering in the window. The Commission had no problem with it.

Patsy Edmondson asked about 401 Natchitoches St. as they have a flashing light in the window and wanted to know if they had a Certificate of Appropriateness. Bruce Fleming told the Commission that an application and letter would be sent for them to comply. Also, Thom Hamilton questioned about the Vanguard Realty 218 Trenton St. as they had not complied with the Certificate of Appropriateness to make their sign smaller. Bruce Fleming told the Commission that he will send a letter to them.

Karen Laban and Tonya Hamilton with the Downtown West Monroe Revitalization Group told the Commission that they had hired a consultant regarding the National Historic Register and have scheduled a walk through on February 20, 2018. We would like to invite a couple of members of the Commission to join us for the 10:00 AM map/area, the 11:15 walk tour and the 12:15 working lunch. Kathy Ray and Mary Keele volunteered. Also, we are having a Facade grant program and would like to have at least one member on the panel as well. Kathy Ray volunteered. Tonya Hamilton told the Commission that they will have a meeting with homeowners and shop owners within the Historic District. Karen Laban told the Commission that they will have a program to revitalize downtown, it's a 12-month program of a gentleman to comes out and helps to revitalize the downtown with a working plan about how to revitalize by taking one building at a time. Karen Laban told the Commission she would let them know the date.

As there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned.