

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
July 2, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Thom Hamilton
Mary Keele
Patsy Edmondson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Smith
Kathy Ray

OTHERS PRESENT: Bruce Fleming, Planning & Zoning Director
Brenda Fletcher, Zoning Assistant
Tim Brandon
John Dunn
Karen Laban

The Monday, July 2, 2018, Heritage Preservation Commission meeting was called to order by Thom Hamilton. The minutes of the June 4, 2018, meeting were reviewed and were approved as printed.

APPLICATION NO: COA-18-70000009
APPLICANT: Tim M Brandon / Brandon Holdings & Investments
LOCATION: 229, 231, & 233 Trenton St. & 305, 307, & 309
Natchitoches St.
REQUEST: Requesting Certificate of Appropriateness for the exterior
of the building to be brought back to the condition when it
was Hatchell Department Store in the Cottonport Historic
District.

Tim Brandon told the Commission that he had brought pictures. Thom Hamilton told Tim Brandon the Commission received his photos in their packets. Tim Brandon told the Commission that Hatchell bought the two buildings and turned it into one. Tim Brandon told the Commission that they had applied through the State and Federal for an historical tax credit plan. They have approved our application to restore Hatchell's building back to its historical state. Tim Brandon told the Commission that the Hatchell Department Store sign on Natchitoches St. would be restored. Tim Brandon told the Commission that he had got the color swatches from Sherwin Williams paint and that he was planning on using the gray. Above the walk way canopy there's metal in the transfer windows. Patsy Edmondson asked if Tim Brandon planned on leaving the overhang all the way around. Tim Brandon told the Commission he did plan on keeping the overhang all the way around with LED lights underneath. Patsy Edmondson told Tim Brandon that she thought it would look good. Thom Hamilton wanted to know if the second floor would be rebuilt. Tim Brandon told the Commission no that they just plan on bringing it back to the original building. Thom Hamilton wanted to know about all the electrical. Tim Brandon told the Commission that he had planned a meter box to be recessed into the building along with the trash receptacles, so nothing would be showing. Patsy Edmondson told Tim Brandon that she was thrilled about the public restroom. Tim Brandon told the Commission that he broke the bottom floor into five (5) retail areas and each will have a restroom and then the air conditioning will be placed on top of the roof. Tim Brandon told the Commission that he will have public restrooms in the back and that they will be accessible during public events. Probably between the hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm., we are working with the City of West Monroe about this project. Patsy Edmondson wanted to know who would be responsible for keeping the restrooms clean. Tim Brandon told the Commission he was trying to get the City of West Monroe to take care of that. Tim Brandon told the Commission that he plans to have 6 (six) apartments upstairs, five (5) will be 2 bedroom-2 bath apartments, 1 (one) will be an efficiency apartment, also a community room with Wi-Fi; on the bottom floor we will have an exercise room. Thom Hamilton asked about the windows and doors. Tim Brandon told the Commission that he was leaving the windows and doors with all the glass. Patsy Edmondson wanted to know about the post on the outside of the building. Tim Brandon told the Commission right now it has wood around it, but he plans on restoring it back to plaster. Patsy Edmondson made the motion to APPROVE the Certificate of Appropriateness. Mary Keele seconded. All in favor, the Certificate of Appropriateness is granted.

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