

**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 2021
HOTEL BAKER**

Members Present: Chairman Malay, Pretz, Norris, Rice, Kessler, Smunt

Members Absent: Dickerson

Also Present: Rachel Hitzemann, Planner

1. Call to order

Chairman Malay called the meeting to order at 5:06pm

2. Roll call

Ms. Hitzemann called roll with six members present. There was a quorum.

3. COA: 100 W Main St.

The Historic Commission conducted a site visit at Hotel Baker and met with the contractor and Hotel Baker staff. Hotel Baker is proposing to remove the wall that splits the higher and lower patio and construct concrete stairs. The Historic Commission asked if the applicant intended to carry the overhang of bluestone into the stair design. The applicant stated that they did not intend to do that, but could if the Commission requested it.

Dr. Smunt stated that for long term stability of the top step, it would be better to use concrete and not blue stone, as blue stone always comes loose.

Ms. Rice said she was fine with the concrete, but wanted to see slimmer railings.

The Commission requested that original bricks be used to repair and add the additional columns on the stairs.

A motion was made by Dr. Smunt and seconded by Ms. Rice with a 4-2 voice vote to approve the removal of the brick wall and addition of concrete stairs with concrete cap at upper level with the conditions that the railings used meet Code and match as close as possible to the existing railings and that all columns are finished with original brick. Mr. Norris and Mr. Kessler vote no.

- 4. Meeting Announcements: Historic Preservation Commission meeting Wednesday, July 7, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Committee Room.**
- 5. Public Comment**
- 6. Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:33pm