

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ST CHARLES  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY JUNE 6, 2012  
COUNCIL COMMITTEE ROOM**

**Members Present:** Chairman Smunt, Bobowiec, Weals, Pretz, Norris (arrived 7:40pm)

**Members Absent:** Withey and Prestidge

**Also Present:** Russell Colby, Planning Division Manager  
Caroline Wells, Recording Secretary

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**1. Call to order:**

Chairman Smunt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and requested that all cell phones be turned off or placed in silent mode.

**2. Roll call:**

Chairman Smunt called roll with the 5-five members present and 2-two members absent. There was a quorum.

**3. Approval of the agenda:**

The agenda was amended by adding the following items:

9b) Chairman Smunt added Historic District Bus Tour Re-cap.

**A motion was made by Mr. Bobowiec and seconded by Mr. Pretz, with a unanimous voice vote to approve the agenda as amended.**

**4. Presentation of minutes from May 2, 2012 meeting:**

**A motion was made by Mr. Bobowiec and seconded by Ms. Weals, with a unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2012 meeting as presented.**

**5. COA: 12 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (refuse enclosure)**

Mr. Colby explained that the proposed COA review is for the installation of a garbage enclosure for the Alibi Restaurant. The enclosure would be placed on the north wall of the building, along Cedar Street, approximately at the former location of the auto murals on the street right-of-way. It will cover a portion of the public sidewalk. The approximate width of the sidewalk in this

location is 10 feet wide. The enclosure will extend 3 ft. 6 in. from the wall. The material for the enclosure will be a metal chainlink fence structure covered with cedar boards. The design is similar to the enclosure located on Riverside Avenue (outside of Pi Pizza). Chairman Smunt asked if the owner had to negotiate with the City to use the public sidewalk. Mr. Rich Simpson stated he did and signed a licensing agreement to use the sidewalk.

**A motion was made by Mr. Bobowiec and seconded by Mr. Pretz, with a unanimous voice vote to approve the COA as presented.**

**6. COA: 200 W. Main Street (signs)**

Mr. Colby explained that the proposed COA review is for the installation of a wall sign for Ameriprise Financial on the east/2<sup>nd</sup> Street elevation of the building, located above the third floor windows. The proposed sign will be aluminum-faced channel letters, with no illumination. Also, an Ameriprise Financial sign will be placed on the freestanding tenant sign north of the building.

**A motion was made by Mr. Bobowiec and seconded by Mr. Pretz, with a unanimous voice vote to approve the COA as presented.**

**7. COA: 18 N. 14<sup>th</sup> Street (deck for Nuova Italia Restaurant)**

Mr. Colby addressed to the Commission by explaining that the proposed COA review is for the installation of a wood deck for outdoor dining. Details of the material and construction are shown on the plans. Chairman Smunt asked if the deck would be built over the air conditioning units. Mr. Colby stated yes. There was a round table discussion regarding the lattice, the air conditioning units, wood deck design matching the building, height of the deck, and a wrought iron railing. The Commission had a number of questions and asked that the application be tabled.

**A motion was made by Mr. Pretz and seconded by Mr. Bobowiec, with a unanimous voice vote to table until the next meeting.**

**8. COA & Façade Improvement Plan Review 117 W. Main St.**

Mr. Norris joined the meeting.

Mr. Colby explained the project scope includes the complete replacement of the Main Street storefront and the installation of storefronts on the west elevation, facing 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. The project includes replacing the arched entrance. The proposed cost of work is approximately \$50,000+. The Façade Grant would fund a maximum of \$18,650. This item has been listed on the agenda for a recommendation on the grant approval and a Certificate of Appropriateness. There was a round table discussion regarding the separation of the storefronts facing Main Street and increasing the height of the entrance to the Szechwan Restaurant.

Mr. Dave Gary stated that it depends on the tenant(s) that occupy space. If a tenant would rent the entire space, they aren't going to want two separate looks. If there are two different tenants, then he would agree to have two separate looks. Two tenants would have different signage that would also separate the building.

**A motion was made by Mr. Norris and seconded by Mr. Bobowiec with a unanimous voice vote to approve COA as submitted.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Bobowiec and seconded by Mr. Pretz with a unanimous voice vote to recommend to the City Council approval of the Façade Improvement Grant.**

**9. Additional Business**

- a) Mr. Colby stated mail order homes project has been approved by the City, however, he is waiting to receive approval from the State regarding grant funding. If the state requires the project scope to be expanded, then the City may not pursue the grant.
- b) Recap Historic District Bus Tour. Chairman Smunt stated the bus tour was a success and received a lot of positive comments. They estimated approximately 160-180 people toured both days.

**10. Announcements: Historic Preservation Commission meeting Wednesday June 20, 2012 at 7:00pm in the Committee Room.**

**11. Adjournment:**

**A motion was made by Mr. Pretz and seconded by Ms. Weals, with a unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting.**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
St. Steven Smunt, Chairman  
St. Charles Historic Preservation Commission

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