

**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2012
COUNCIL COMMITTEE ROOM**

Members Present: Chairman Smunt, Boboweic, Norris, Weals, Withey

Members Absent: Prestidge, Pretz

Also Present: Russell Colby, Planning Division Manager

1. Call to order:

Chairman Smunt called the meeting to order at 7:01pm and requested that all cell phones be turned off or placed in silent mode.

2. Roll call:

Chairman Smunt called roll with the five members present and two members absent.

3. Approval of the agenda:

There were no changes to the agenda

4. Presentation of minutes from November 7, 2012 meeting:

A motion was made by Mr. Bobowiec and seconded by Mr. Withey with a unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes as presented.

5. COA: 200 W. Main St. (awning):

Glenn Soltys, applicant, stated the existing metal awning would be replaced with a fabric awning of similar size and shape. All electrical will be removed.

Chairman Smunt noted the shape of the awning matches the arch element over the western door on the elevation.

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

6. COA: 117 W. Main St. (signs):

Kevin Pirok, applicant, presented that the proposed signs were internally lit channel letters each centered over the storefront entrances for Forever Yogurt, Szechwan, and Bigby Coffee. The existing Szechwan sign on the west elevation will be removed.

The Commission asked if Bigby will request a sign on the rear or east elevation. Mr. Pirok noted no additional sign is permitted. Mr. Colby noted that Bigby has a sign in the multi-tenant sign on the east elevation and they could have a graphic on the door.

Chairman Smunt stated that the channel letter signs and the placement of the signs on the building were appropriate.

A motion was made by Mr. Norris and seconded by Ms. Weals with a unanimous voice vote to approve the COA.

7. COA: 527 Illinois Ave. (sign):

The applicant stated the proposed sign is a freestanding sign for Perry Wealth Counsel. The sign was designed to match the sign for the Luxe Hair Lounge, on the corner at 5th Avenue. No illumination is proposed.

Mr. Norris asked about the sign material. Mr. Colby stated that MDO is “medium density overlay”, which is plywood covered with a weather resistant resin overlay.

A motion was made by Mr. Bobowiec and seconded by Mr. Withey with a unanimous voice vote to approve the COA.

8. Additional Business

Chairman Smunt asked about the mail order homes survey. Mr. Colby stated he hoped Rebecca Hunter could start work on the project beginning after the holidays. Chairman Smunt discussed the Sears house that was recently rehabbed on Illinois St.

Chairman Smunt discussed a future project for his house, including roof and gutter replacement. The Commission discussed the construction method, roofing materials, gutter types, and proposed replacement of crown moulding along the gutters with a synthetic material.

9. Announcements: Historic Preservation Commission meeting Wednesday, January 2, 2013 at 7:00pm in the Committee Room.

10. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Bobowiec and seconded by Mr. Withey, with a unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Steven Smunt, Chairman

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