



Donaldsonville Historic District Commission

Monday, May 24, 2021 | 6:00PM | 609 Railroad Avenue, Donaldsonville, LA 70346

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm.
 - b. Attending Commissioners: Rodney Vega, Phillip August, Richard Zeringue, Peggy Guillot, Lolita Ross, Robert Charleville, Juanita Pearly
 - c. Absent: Joyy Joseph, Bianca Phillips, Jasman Marks, Bill Dawson
2. Opening Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comments on Agenda Items
 - a. There were no public comments made on agenda items.
4. Public Hearing
 - a. There were no public hearings scheduled for this meeting.
5. Business Session
 - a. New Business
 - i. Administrative Approvals
 1. There were no staff approvals presented at this meeting.
 - ii. Application Decisions
 1. Terrance Brown | 211 Chetimaches Street | DAR April 29, 2021 | Paint body (Travertine) D 21-3. Trim will be White. Replace wood windows with 6 pane vinyl windows (windows do not have street facing elevation).
 - a. Motion 1: Richard Zeringue | Motion to approve as presented.
 - b. Motion 2: Peggy Guillot
 - c. YAYS: Unanimous
 - d. NAYS: None
 - e. ABSENT: Joyy Joseph, Bianca Phillips, Jasman Marks, Bill Dawson
 2. Greenwood Stradford Group | 615 Iberville Street | DAR April 29, 2021 | Paint body (Travertine) D 21-3. Trim will be White. Replace rotted wood siding with Hardie Plank | Replace corrugated tin roof with new aluminum standing seam "R Panel" tin roof (galvanized color). Replace rotted

wood windows with 6 pane vinyl windows (windows do not have street facing elevation).

- a. Motion 1: Richard Zeringue | Motion to approve as presented.
 - b. Motion 2: Lolita Ross
 - c. YAYS: Unanimous
 - d. NAYS: None
 - e. ABSENT: Joyy Joseph, Bianca Phillips, Jasman Marks, Bill Dawson
 3. Roy Quezaire, Jr. | 507 Opelousas Street | DAR May 9, 2021 | Demolition of blighted and abandoned home at 507 Opelousas Street.
 - a. Motion 1: Richard Zeringue | Motion to approve as presented.
 - b. Motion 2: Peggy Guillot
 - c. YAYS: Unanimous
 - d. NAYS: None
 - e. ABSENT: Joyy Joseph, Bianca Phillips, Jasman Marks, Bill Dawson
 4. Ascension Parish Library Donaldsonville Branch | Henry Schexnayder on behalf of the APL | 500 Mississippi Street | DAR May 13, 2021 | SEE APPLICATION FOR DETAIL
 - a. Motion 1: Peggy Guillot | Motion to approve as presented.
 - b. Motion 2: Richard Zeringue
 - c. YAYS: Unanimous
 - d. NAYS: None
 - e. ABSENT: Joyy Joseph, Bianca Phillips, Jasman Marks, Bill Dawson
- iii. Violations / Potential Violations in the District / Stop Work Orders
1. Violations List:
 - a. A report was given regarding Dr. Nagaratna C. Reddy, MD sign violation for failure to obtain a permit. The item was requested to be tabled to the next meeting by Lee Melancon.
- iv. Study Items
1. Section 106 Mitigation Repost (Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District)
 - a. Lee Melancon gave a report from the Town Hall meeting held at Crescent Park. Members were

advised to read the MOU provided by the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District to provide comments back to Lee Melancon by Friday, June 4, 2021 and be prepared to review a resolution for the next monthly scheduled meeting – date TBA.

v. Committee Reports

1. City of Donaldsonville Mural – Merle Norman

- a. Lee Melancon gave a report regarding a mural to be created through the Walls Project. More information to come.

2. Pole Banners

- a. Lee Melancon gave a report regarding the new pole banners to be installed along Railroad Avenue and Marchand Drive. An image of the banner was shared with commissioners.

3. Speeding Signage

- a. Lee Melancon gave a report regarding 2 new solar speed limit signs to be installed along Railroad Avenue. An image of the banner was shared with commissioners.

4. Wayfinding Signage

- a. Lee Melancon requested commissioner feedback regarding directional signage to be installed on Railroad Avenue at Mississippi Street and Railroad Avenue at Marchand Drive. An additional pole may be installed at HWY 18 (Veterans Drive) and HWY 1. New signage is also being estimated to replace the welcome signs in the community. Future discussions will occur regarding the design of the signage.

b. Old Business

i. Audience Participation Agenda Items

- 1. Residents Brian and Mary Ellen Cummins spoke out directly regarding the Section 106 process. They expressed their concerns regarding a lack of solid responses from the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District regarding auditory and vibratory pollution and the post impact on foundational damage and who will be responsible for costs associated with damage. He also questioned the process for filing complaints or grievances should something occur. He

wanted the commissioners to know on the record that he does not support the effort as it is currently being presented. While he understands the Section 106 process can not be stopped, he did want to state his concerns.

6. Minutes Approval (April 26, 2021)

- a. Motion 1: Bobby Charleville | Motion to approve minutes of the April 26, 2021 as presented.
- b. Motion 2: Phillip August
- c. YAYS: Unanimous
- d. NAYS: None
- e. ABSENT: Joyy Joseph, Bianca Phillips, Jasman Marks, Bill Dawson

7. Adjournment

- a. Motion 1: Bobby Charleville | Motion to adjourn.
- b. Motion 2: Peggy Guillot
- c. YAYS: Unanimous
- d. NAYS: None
- e. ABSENT: Joyy Joseph, Bianca Phillips, Jasman Marks, Bill Dawson

- b. Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm.