

Historic Preservation Board Minutes
City of Wauchula
July 25, 2011

The Wauchula Historic Preservation Board met Monday, July 25, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. The following members were present: Preston, Ackerly, Collins, Zakhary and Boynton. Royal was absent.

Preston called the meeting to order.

The Board reviewed an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the existing pole mounted "Cracker Pub & Grille" sign on the store front at 216-222 W. Main Street with new "Main Street Grille" signage. Barry Edgley of Stitch 'n Sign was present. Boynton asked if the pole supporting the sign was new. Edgley explained that the intent was to just replace the sign fascias but it was discovered that the sign frame was not made for the way it is hung. The incorrect framing required the pole to be lifted off as well in order to replace the sign fascias. When they got the pole off they realized it was cracked and the riggings were rotten. The pole was replaced with a heavier pole. Edgley stated the anchorage did not need to be replaced. Edgley discussed all of these items with the building official. Boynton asked if the Board prior to installation should have approved the changes. Edgley took responsibility for not bringing the request before the Board prior to the installation. There was an urgent request by the tenant due to licensing requirements and so he rushed the job and forgot this step in his haste. Edgley stated he felt that the graphics did fit well within the historic downtown. Preston stated that her concern was not with the graphics but with the pole. Boynton expressed that personally he did not like the pole. Edgley stated that he could put up a nicer pole. The pole that was installed was \$45; the nicer pole would be \$450. Preston questioned what the pole would look like if it were painted black. Edgley stated that he felt it would look marginally better, but noted that it is a galvanized pole, which does not paint very well. Edgley stated that his understanding is that the property owner does have future plans to improve the look of the sign if the restaurant does well. Preston made the motion, seconded by Boynton to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness with the condition to take reasonable steps to paint the pole black. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to install exterior signage to the building located at 301 E. Main Street. Barry Edgley of Stitch 'n Sign was present. Preston noted that this had been reviewed last month. Ackerly stated it's just a different location than what was presented last month. The board felt the new location would look better. Collins made the motion, seconded by Ackerly to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to install exterior signage to the building located at 230 W. Main Street. Barry Edgley of Stitch 'n Sign was present. The signage that exists will be replaced with new fascias for "Oakwood Construction" and "Belflower's Flooring." Preston asked if there was any color to the sign. Edgley stated that Belflower's was all black and Oakwood Construction is black and gray. Boynton made the motion, seconded by Ackerly to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Boynton made the motion, seconded by Ackerly to approve the minutes from June 13, 2011. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.