

The Wauchula Historic Preservation Board met Monday, February 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Chair Tanya Royal, Cynthia Paxton, William Boynton, Dr. Sylvia Collins, and Linda Burnett.

Board Member Jennifer Clark was absent.

Also present were Community Development Coordinator Kyle Long and City Clerk Holly Smith.

Royal called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m.

Certificate of Appropriateness – 318 W. Main Street (Paint)

Royal stated the certificate of appropriateness for 318 W. Main Street. Long addressed the Board and explained the building was the old Elk's Lodge and was now a church. Long presented the proposed colors to the Board and stated they were in the historic paint palette.

Juan DeLaCruz and Erica DeLaCruz – 318 W. Main Street

Ms. DeLaCruz addressed the Board and stated they wanted to present the idea of giving the church an exterior face lift. She noted it had been several years since the building had been painted and noticed it needed a little sprucing up since some of the buildings downtown had recently been painted.

Collins motioned to approve the certificate of appropriateness, seconded by Boynton. Royal asked what color would be around the windows. Mr. DeLaCruz stated the building would be painted one color, however they presented two different allowed colors just to have options. Royal stated she only asked about the trim because that was its current state. Boynton mentioned the letters B.P.O.E. could be painted but not covered because it was identifying to the building itself.

With no further discussion, Royal called for all in favor, all responded aye. For those opposed like sign, no response. Motion carried.

Certificate of Appropriateness – 126 W. Main Street (Paint)

Royal stated the certificate of appropriateness for 126 W. Main Street. Long addressed the Board and explained the building had recently been painted. Long stated the color was in historic paint palette and was Kingston Aqua (not sure it was the exact color but was very similar). Long added the color did fit in with the historic characteristics however it was the taste or preference of the Board.

Boynton motioned to approve the certificate of appropriateness, seconded by Burnett.

Burnett asked Long if the color conformed to the palette. Long replied yes. Boynton asked if it was paint exterior and update old store front. Long stated that would be a question for the applicant.

Denise Grimsley and Justin Smith – 107 E. Main Street

Smith stated unaware of the agenda item. Long noted it was added the Thursday before the meeting. Long stated he spoke with Sarah Evers and the building had been painted without an approval. Royal questioned if there was a request for the change with the store front. Long stated if there was it would have been years ago. Grimsley questioned the color and if it was really on the color palette. Burnett stated looking at the picture she was surprised the color was on the color palette. Burnett added in the historic district there are warm and neutral colors not cool (like an easter egg) colors. Royal asked Grimsley if she may entertain changing the color and if so, we need to vote on that now. Grimsley stated she was just stunned the color was part of the palette. Paxton added the color was on the palette which was fine, however we do typically discuss the color before the buildings are painted. Burnett asked Long what was the protocol with the color palette. Long replied it was more like a guideline. Smith asked for clarification on choosing colors for a building. Royal replied in the historic district the color needed to come before the Board before a building is painted. Paxton added when picking a color consideration needed to be taken on whether the color

would flow with the building next to it. Royal try and keep the consistency. Burnett stated it was misleading to her to have a color on the palette they could turn down. Long replied if the Board did not like a particular color, they could change it. Burnett stated we try and work with new businesses and hate to give them a color palette with colors the Board does not care for. Grimsley asked the Board if they could come up with the money to change the color was there any particular color the Board would like to see it changed to. Smith added some black medallion work was in the works to be added to the building. Royal asked how would they be attached. Smith was unclear if it would be attached or painted on the building. Boynton asked how old was the building. Long stated it was built in 1940. Boynton stated he felt the color was there but they need to be aware of the procedure. Boynton suggested to strike up-date store front on the application.

With no further discussion, Royal called for all in favor, all responded aye. For those opposed like sign, no response. Motion carried.

Certificate of Appropriateness – 217 E. Main Street (Paint and Façade changes)

Royal stated the certificate of appropriateness for 217 E. Main Street. Long addressed the Board and explained what had been approved by the City Commission due to a time crunch and lack of a quorum. Long stated the proposed changes were the color scheme, structural issue with the front kick wall. Long stated the Planning & Zoning Board would have to approve the moral and he would include the Board's recommendation to them. Smith addressed the Board and stated the color scheme change was from the tenant R. Riveter and he explained the issue with the front kick wall.

Boynton motioned to approve the certificate of appropriateness, seconded by Burnett.

Royal asked if the words "We Can Do It" on the moral would be in orange as presented. Long stated that was how it was proposed in the latest rendering. Paxton stated she like the first color scheme rendering for the moral. More discussion was had on the orange writing in the moral. Paxton stated she wanted to see the paint scheme. Paxton noted there was an issue with another downtown building regarding what the building was painted and what color was approved by the Board. The Board liked the original two-tone color scheme. Burnett asked how do we stick a pin in it without holding up the entire project. Long asked Grimsley and Smith what needed to be approved tonight without holding up the entire project.

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Smith replied the kick wall. Grimsley suggested approving the kick wall and the two-tone color. Long stated the two-tone paint scheme had already been approved. Boynton asked if this building was included in the 1998 Historic Survey Report along with the barn behind. Long replied yes it was. Boynton questioned how would the State feel about knocking down a kick wall. Long stated we did not know at the time about tearing down the kick wall. Boynton questioned how do we deal with that since it is a historical record with the State. How do we address it or does the City Commission address it? Long stated he did not feel it was necessary to contact the State but asked Boynton if he would like Long to reach out to the State about the kick wall removal. Royal noted it had already been done to the buildings next door to this one. Boynton replied it was more for clarification on this certificate of appropriateness. Boynton added the State's report may need to be amended in some form. Royal noted it had not been reported for the adjacent buildings. Boynton stated it was just for clarification.

Boynton amended his motion to approve the new store front (kickplate), awning and the removal of windows and doors on the west side of the building, seconded by Burnett.

With no further discussion, Royal called for all in favor, all responded aye except Boynton which responded nay. Motion carried.

Collins motioned to adjourned the meeting, seconded by Boynton. Royal called for all in favor, all responded aye. For those opposed like sign, no response. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Holly Smith, City Clerk