

Minutes of the April 3, 2009 Central Business District Commission meeting

The Central Business District Historic District Landmarks Commission held its regular meeting on April 3, 2009 at 11:00 A.M. in the City Council Chambers located at City Hall, 1300 Perdido Street.

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 A.M., by Mr. Bennett.

Roll Call:

James R. Amdal, Chairman - Present
Louana DeMatteo - Present
Hugo Kahn - Absent
Kevin Kelly - Present
Leslie Guthrie – Present
Robert Williams – Present
Dorian M. Bennett, Vice Chairman - Present
Keith Twitchell – Present
Lloyd Shields –Present
John G. B. Boyd - Present

There were nine members present constituting a quorum.

I. Minutes of the March 6, 2009 meeting

Mr. Twitchell made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, passed unanimously.

II. Other Business

A. Landmark Designation

333 St. Charles Avenue, The Masonic Temple.

The staff recommends that the Masonic Building be designated as a landmark as it fulfills three of the four criteria required to establish significance. The complex is significant as it exemplifies the broad cultural and social history of New Orleans through the history of the Freemasons, embodies distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type specimen inherently valuable for a study of a period, style, method of construction or indigenous materials or craftsmanship as one of the early ornate stone skyscrapers of the Central Business District, and is representative of the notable work of a master architect Sam Stone whose individual ability has been recognized.

Mrs. DeMatteo made a motion to approve the landmark designation. The motion, seconded by Mr. Bennett, passed unanimously with Mr. Williams, Mr. Amdal, and Mr. Boyd absent for the vote.

III. **New Business**

At this time, Mr. Amdal arrived.

- A. 1000 Block of Magazine: The National WWII Museum, owner/applicant. Appeal of ARC recommendation against a hollow metal picket fence to screen surface level parking lot.

During a brief presentation, the architect stated that while the owners will comply with all requests, the solid picket fence is \$15,000 more than a hollow picket fence due to its temporary nature, the owner does not want to make such a large investment. Mr. Bennett made a motion to approve the application. The motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, passed with Mr. Kelly voting against the motion.

At this time, Mr. Boyd arrived.

- B. 608 Tchoupitoulas Street: Tchoupitoulas 1, LLC, owner. Corwin St. Raymond, applicant. Proposal to retain alterations to canopy that were made without a Certificate of Appropriateness.

A neighbor of the building, Mr. Pilie, owner of 610 Tchoupitoulas requested that the Commission deny the application. He does not think that his property should be forced to install an additional bracket as it would not be historically accurate. Mr. Shields commented that the work is in violation because the applicant did not receive a Certificate of Appropriateness. Mr. Twitchell made a motion to deny the application. The motion seconded by Mr. Shields, passed unanimously.

- C. 900 Magazine Street: Ajsa Nikolic, owner/applicant. Retention of shutters and hardware, roll down door and signage completed without a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the retention of the shutters. The motion, seconded by Mrs. DeMatteo, passed with Mr. Boyd voting against the motion.

Mr. Williams made a motion to deny retention of signage on roll down door. The motion, seconded by Mr. Boyd, passed unanimously.

Mr. Twitchell made a motion to defer the decision on the roll down door for 60 days in order for the applicant to search for a new solution to screen the door. The motion, seconded by Mrs. DeMatteo, passed with Mr. Boyd voting against the motion.

D. 925 Poeyfarre Street: Renovation Space, owner. Jessica Becker, applicant. Proposal for two story addition.

Mr. Williams made a motion for conceptual approval of the application. The motion, seconded by Mr. Twitchell, passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Mrs. DeMatteo made a motion to adjourn the meeting was then adjourned at 11:55 a.m.