

**CITY OF COVINGTON**  
**Covington Historic District Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**May 14, 2019**  
**5:30pm**

**CHDC Members**

PETER LINK – CHAIRMAN  
PEGGY DESJARDIN  
SEYMON “WINDY” HARTZOG  
LISA CONDREY WARD  
STEPHANIE BOYLES

**Staff**

NAHKETAH BAGBY, CITY PLANNER  
JULIAN “ROD” RODRIGUE, CITY ATTORNEY  
JOANN RUCKER, SECRETARY  
DANIEL HILL, CITY ENGINEER  
CHRISTOPHER BROWN, BUILDING OFFICIAL

**Commissioner Link** called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

**Members Present:** Commissioner Peter Link, Commissioner Windy Hartzog, Commissioner Stephanie Boyles, Commissioner Lisa Condrey Ward and Commissioner Peggy Desjardin.

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Nahketah Bagby-*Planning & Zoning Director* and JoAnn Rucker, *Secretary*.

**Commissioner Hartzog** made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2019 CHDC meeting and the March 19, 2019 Special CHDC meeting.

**Commissioner DesJardin** seconded the motion. Minutes were approved by a voice vote of 5-0.

**CASES:**

- 1. Case# 19-05-13CHDC Request:** An application for a certificate of appropriateness for the material alteration for commercial /residential property located at 311 and 313 Lee Lane, Division of St. John, Covington, Louisiana. The request is to modify the existing fencing, add new fencing, demolish the existing concrete steps and replace with wood steps, new railings, new windows modifications and a sign post at the front entrance.

**Petitioner:** Michael Hunley-MSH Architects

**Owner:** Portman Place LLC

**Mr. Michael Hunley** led the discussion.

**Mrs. Leslie Portman**, owner of Portman Place, LLC gave a brief statement.

**Mrs. Bagby, City Planner** reminded the petitioner of the regulations for the sign on this property.

**Commissioner Hartzog** made a motion to approve as presented.

**Commissioner Ward** seconded the motion with the caveat of Nahketah Bagby, City Planner pointing out there is additional requirement for signage.

Peter Link	Yes
Peggy Desjardin	Yes
Windy Hartzog	Yes
Lisa Condrey Ward	Yes
Stephanie Boyles	Yes

**2. CASE# 19-05-14CHDC Request:** An application for a certificate of appropriateness for the material alteration to the commercial property (Meribo Restaurant) located at 326 Lee Lane, in the Division of St. John, Covington, LA. The proposed work includes the addition of a two level shed type roof covering the space and the cleaning up of the ground surface to useable floor system.

**Petitioner:** Kyle Associates, LLC

**Owner:** Jared Reicke

**Mr. Franklin Kyle, Owner of Kyle Associates, LLC** led the discussion.

**Mrs. Nahketah Bagby, City Planner** gave a brief statement.

**Commissioner Ward** made a motion to approve with the understanding that the siding be wood or hardy board as the only options. **Commissioner DesJardin** seconded the motion.

Peter Link	Yes
Peggy Desjardin	Yes
Windy Hartzog	Yes
Lisa Condrey Ward	Yes
Stephanie Boyles	Yes

**3. Case# 19-05-15CHDC Request:** An application for a certificate of appropriateness for the material alteration to the commercial property for the located at 407 N. Columbia Street, Division of St. John, Covington, LA (Columbia Street Rock N Blues Café). The proposed work is the installation of a new fence and patio/deck cover.

**Petitioner:** Columbia Street Rock N Blues Café (Chris Anderson)

**Owner:** James Michalopoulos

**Mr. Chris Anderson,** owner of Columbia Street Rock n Blues led the discussion.

**Commissioner Hartzog** made a motion to approve as presented. **Commissioner DesJardin** seconded the motion.

Peter Link	Yes
Peggy Desjardin	Yes
Windy Hartzog	Yes
Lisa Condrey Ward	Yes
Stephanie Boyles	Yes

**4. CASE# 19-05-16CHDC Request:** An application for a certificate of appropriateness for material alteration to the commercial property located at 823 Boston St. (Old NAPA Site) – Lots 3 and 4 Sq. 17 - Division of St. John. The proposed renovations are to repair the existing front awning, close openings in shell, and install a set of double doors at rear of building.

**Petitioner:** Kent Himel

**Owner:** Zeal Estate Ventures, LLC

**Mr. Kent Himel** led the discussion.

**Commissioner Link** asked Mrs. Bagby, City Planner for a verification that the zoning for the property at 823 Boston St, which is zoned CBD (Community Business), permits a storage facility. **Mrs. Bagby,**

**City Planner** confirmed this address does not allow storage or warehouses as a principal use.

**Mrs. Bagby** also read the staff comments on this case from Christopher Brown the City of Covington Building Official.

**Commissioner DesJardin** moved to approve Case# 19-05-16CHDC as presented. **Commissioner Ward** seconded the motion.

Peter Link	Yes
Peggy Desjardin	Yes
Windy Hartzog	Yes
Lisa Condrey Ward	Yes
Stephanie Boyles	Yes

- 5. CASE# 19-05-17CHDC Request:** An application for a certificate of appropriateness for the material alteration to construct a small garden shed in the rear yard of the property located at 428 N. Florida Street - Square 22 - Division of St. John. Covington, Louisiana.

**Petitioner:** Tessa and Brandon Chauvin

**Owner:** Tessa and Brandon Chauvin

**Mrs. Tessa Chauvin** led the discussion. **Mrs. Chauvin** pointed out that she had presented in her package that was given to the board a shed with the dimensions of 8'x8' but would like to put an 8'x12' shed on her property at 428 N. Florida St. instead.

**Commissioner DesJardin** moved to approve Case#19-05-17CHDC as presented. **Commissioner Ward** seconded the motion.

Peter Link	Yes
Peggy Desjardin	Yes
Windy Hartzog	Yes
Lisa Condrey Ward	Yes
Stephanie Boyles	Yes

- 6. CASE# 19-05-18CHDC Request:** An application for a certificate of appropriateness for material alterations for the property located at 138 N. New Hampshire Street Covington, LA in the Division of St. John Sq. 4 lots 12, 13, 14 and 15. The proposed includes a rear entrance foyer adjacent to the driveway on the left side of the home and to the rear a laundry space that will be used as an area for the owners' pets and as a home office.

**Petitioner:** Matthew Voelkel

**Owner:** Leslie Collins and Douglas Draper

**Mr. Matthew Voelkel** led the discussion.

**Mr. Douglas Draper** stated that he and his wife Leslie Collins have a 60 year lease with the City of Covington to use a portion of the Ox Lot located next to their property. There was a prevision in the original lease stating the footprint of the house could not encroach and go any further into the ox lot. The City of Covington's City Council has approved and amended the lease to increase the footprint of the home on the side and rear to encroach into the Ox Lot to allow for this extension of the house.

**Commissioner Ward** moved to approve Case#19-05-18CHDC as presented.  
**Commissioner DesJardin** seconded the motion.

Peter Link	Yes
Peggy Desjardin	Yes
Windy Hartzog	Yes
Lisa Condrey Ward	Yes
Stephanie Boyles	Yes

**V. Other Business:**

**Mrs. Nahketah Bagby, City Planner** made the following announcements:

- Reminder of the 2019 Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics Training.
- Reminder Of registration of C.A.M.P. (Commission Assistance & Mentoring Program). There are two training meetings available. One on June 7, 2019 in Winnsboro, La. and one on June 14, 2019 in New Iberia, La.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT -6:39pm**