



HAMMOND HISTORIC DISTRICT

Minutes of the Hammond Historic District Commission

March 10, 2020

City of Hammond Building Department – 219 E. Robert St.

- Meeting called to order by Chairman, Mr. Ryan Faulk, at 11:00 a.m.
- Verification of meeting notice given by Director, Ms. Jennie Garcia
- Roll call taken:
 - Present: Jessica Shirey, Shauna Seals, Ryan Faulk, John Exnicios, and Jen White
 - Absent: Susan Seale

New Business:

- **213 E Morris (On The Run Gas Station) – Exterior Renovation**
 - Application presented by: Jason Dunnington
 - *Essentially 213 E. Morris is seeking to replace and repair the two front columns. One of the brick columns was struck by a car and damaged. The brick company is no longer in business and the applicant cannot find a similar brick to match. Since the brick cannot be matched, the applicant is seeking to remove the bricks from the two front columns and replace them. The two front columns will include new framing, plywood, and vapor barriers. Once the new framing is complete, the applicant will install cultured stone to match other On The Run gas stations. The cultured stone manufacturer is Country LedgeStone “Aspen.”*
 - *Jason Dunnington – Someone ran into the center column right there to the left (pointing at photo). And that brick is no longer available and I searched for a similar brick but those bricks have seven colors and you can’t find anything close and being in the front – we just figured we’d go with another option. Originally we wanted to go stucco but the owner called me and wanted to go with stone like they do on the rest of the gas stations.*
 - *Jessica Shirey – Like a stacked stone?*
 - *Jason Dunnington – Yes it would be just those two colors.*
 - *Commissioners look at photo submitted of what the applicant is proposing and determine that is what the two new columns will look like.*
 - *Jen White – Just those two columns?*
 - *Jason Dunnington – Just those two. The old bricks would have to come down and we’d put some metal stud framing wrap it in 5/8ths treated plywood, Tyvek it and then they lath it and add the stone to it. I have samples in my truck if you want the stone.*
 - *Commissioners state that the photo example is enough and a sample is not necessary. Jason Dunnington shows additional photos of other On The Run Gas Stations that have cultured stone columns.*

- *Jessica Shirey – Do you think eventually he (building owner) will want to do all of the columns?*
- *Jason Dunnington – I think he’s just looking to do just the front.*
- *Commissioners go through additional photos and notice other gas stations have cultured stone columns with a brick building. Commissioners also discuss that only the two columns by the entrance will be cultured stone while the other two columns located on the edge of the building will remain brick.*
- *Shauna Seals – That’s a column? (Points out brick column on edge of building) Why isn’t he doing that one? I missed it.*
- *Jessica Shirey – Well it’s kind of a corner column it does separate...*
- *Ryan Faulk – It’s actually a wall because it goes around...*
- *Jen White – I was going to say...*
- *Shauna Seals – That is what I was asking.*
- *Commissioners and applicant discuss that this is a column and Ryan Faulk explains the wall and column on the edge of the building.*
- *Shauna Seals – So these are the two most prominent.*
- *Jennie Garcia – I thought you could walk through it.*
- *Ryan Faulk – You can. There is a portal right there.*
- *Jessica Shirey – It’s almost like a separation of another business.*
- *Commissioners discuss what used to be there.*
- *Jason Dunnington – When they built those brick columns, there are no studs behind it. It is just a metal pole. It is holding up the whole building – that is it they just stacked the bricks.*
- *Commissioners and applicant discuss how the building was built. Applicant states that this is why they had to temporarily shore the column.*
- *Jessica Shirey – Are there any light fixtures or anything like that at all in there (on columns) at all?*
- *Jason Dunnington – He didn’t ask, normally we do but he didn’t ask.*
- *Jessica Shirey – There are not any on there now. That is why I was asking. There would just need to be an application.*
- *Jason Dunnington – If he wanted to do it would there be a problem?*
- *Jessica Shirey – It would just have to be applied for. That is why I was asking we could knock that out of the way – if we were going to do it.*
- *Ryan Faulk – That is why when you came to visit with me and started to look at it, I recommended the stucco cause you already had stucco on the building.*
- *Jason Dunnington – And that what I thought he was going with until he called me and said hey I would like to do the stone.*
- *Shauna Seals – Do you know why that’s his preference?*
- *Jason Dunnington – Cause we done the rest of the gas stations like that.*
- *Shauna Seals – That is why I asked you that.*
- *Jason Dunnington – Just trying to tie it in with On The Run.*
- *Jessica Shirey – It’s kind of a branding thing.*

- *Ryan Faulk – I think it will coordinate with the brick color. Especially if you use – don't use the more tan one. Use the one that's got some orange in it. But I don't know, John do you have any comments about it?*
- *John Exnicios – I think it looks fine to me.*
- *Jessica Shirey – I think as long as it's bilateral.*
- *Shauna Seals – Question, the owner is the owner of these or is the owner Exxon?*
- *Jason Dunnington – No, Johnny Milazzo – Lard Oils.*
- *Shauna Seals – So, when you talk about a brand its Lard Oils.*
- *Jason Dunnington – He owns On The Run. He branded it.*
- *Shauna Seals – So, what I am getting to is, is this a corporate directive on the brand for On The Run stations? Do you know?*
- *Jason Dunnington – When we renovate them we do just like that.*
- *Shauna Seals – Everyone you do?*
- *Jason Dunnington – Yes.*
- *Shauna Seals – The reason I'm asking is cause there are specific guidelines on the company brand and maybe that's one of them for On The Runs. I used to work for Exxon Mobil but not with the stations. But the question would be if this is what the corporation dictates for its station then...*
- *Jessica Shirey – He's a – he is his own franchise.*
- *Jason Dunnington – We've done Chevrons and converted them to On The Runs.*
- *Shauna Seals – Say that again.*
- *Jason Dunnington – We've converted two Chevrons into On The Run.*
- *Commissioners and applicant discuss the ownership of the gas station. Applicant states the owner owns the gas station and not Exxon. Commissioners state that the gas and convenience store are separate.*
- *Shauna Seals – So there are Chevron On The Runs.*
- *Jason Dunnington – Yes ma'am.*
- *Shauna Seals – Oh I didn't know that.*
- *Jason Dunnington – There's one in Baton Rouge on the corner of Stumberg.*
- *Shauna Seals – Ok.*
- *Jason Dunnington – And Coursey and there's one in Albany right there on 190 when you get off the interstate you go right so you are going north. There's a Kangaroo and then next Chevron – we did that one last year.*
- *Shauna Seals – Ok.*
- *Jason Dunnington – Last summer.*
- *Shauna Seals – So this is a Lard Oil. Ok I didn't realize that I thought it was Exxon Mobil.*
- *Ryan Faulk – I am ok with it even though we don't have any stone.*
- *Jessica Shirey – Well its not – this isn't a historically significant building anyway.*
- *Commissioners state that they don't have an issue with the proposed stone columns.*
- *Ryan Faulk calls for public input. None is given.*
- *Jessica Shirey – I make a motion to approve the application.*
- *Motion to approve the application as presented by Jessica Shirey. Second by John Exnicios.*

- *Jason Dunnington points out mismatched brick wall on the gas station and states that was done about 10 years ago. States that those bricks were the closest match they could find at the time.*
- Vote: Jessica Shirey (Y), Shauna Seals (Y), Jen White (Y), John Exnicios (Y), and Ryan Faulk (Y)
 - Motion Approved: 5-0
- **Public Input:**
 - None is given
- **Commissioner Discussion:**
 - Commissioners recommend that there should be a celebration for former Commissioner Howard Nichols. It is suggested that City Council might be a good venue for this since Howard is also a long time Hammond historian.
 - Commissioners discuss the cancellation of a new Commission appointment that was originally scheduled for City Council's meeting tonight (3/10). The agenda item was cancelled but it is unsure if the appointment itself was also cancelled.
 - Jennie Garcia lets Commissioners know that Melanie Ricketts the Wilson Street Cemetery on the 3/10 City Council agenda. States that this might be of some importance to the Commission even though the cemetery is not in the HHDC jurisdiction however it is significant to the history of Hammond. Commissioners discuss the history of the cemetery as well as the surrounding area where a house was torn down.
- **Adjournment:**
 - Motion to Adjourn by Ryan Faulk and seconded by Jessica Shirey.
 - Vote: Jessica Shirey (Y), Shauna Seals (Y), Jen White (Y), John Exnicios (Y), and Ryan Faulk (Y)
 - Motion Approved: 5-0