

# Thomaston Historic Preservation Commission

## Meeting Minutes

Septemebr 17,2021 at 2:00pm

An in-person meeting of The Historic Preservation Commission was held on Thursday September 17, 2021 at 2:00pm in The City-County Meeting Room of The Thomaston-Upson Government Complex.

HPC chairwoman, Mrs. Jane Burdette called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm. In attendance were commission members: Jane Burdette, Jamesan Gramme, Walter Brown, Brenda Tabb, and Tempy Hoyal. Commission Members Claude Burgess and Lila Bryan had an unexcused absence. City of Thomaston Economic Development Coordinator, Mr. Taylor Smith was also in attendance.

Mrs. Hoyal motioned to approve the Minutes of the July 22, 2021 meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Brown. All votes were in favor of approving the meeting minutes. Mrs. Hoyal motioned to adopt the agenda, which was seconded by Mrs. Gramme and carried unanimously.

Mr. Woody Heath, whose building is located at 118 Church Street submitted a Certificate of Appropriateness request for a rooftop lounge/bar. Mr. Heath was unable to attend the meeting and address the commissions questions. Mr. Brown motioned to table the request until Mr. Heath could be in attendance. Mrs. Tabb seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Melissa Lane of Baby Lane's, located at 206 S. Center Street submitted a Certificate of Appropriateness request for new signage, paint, and awnings at her building. Mrs. Lane is applying for the Downtown Development Authority Facade Grant and must have HPC approval in order to continue on in this process. Discussion was had regarding the bright paint colors at the top of the building. Mr. Brown motioned to approve the rendering as long as the colors aligned with the suggested color palette provided by the DDA Facade Grant. Mrs. Tabb seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Colony Bank, located at 108 S. Church Street has acquired the SouthCrest Bank building in downtown Thomaston as part of the banks merger. Colony submitted a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the current SouthCrest signage with Colony Bank signage. Mr. Hoyal motioned to approve the new signage and Mr. Brown seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The next item up for discussion was the Certified Local Government Application and HPC Resumes. Mr. Smith gave an update on the CLG Qualification process and Mrs. Burdette discussed the HPC resumes. All members approved their personal resumes and authorized Mr. Smith to proceed with the application to DCA.

Mrs. Burdette advised that she has been working on new Bylaws for the HPC commission. She provided the draft that her and Mr. Smith had been working on and informed the board that we would be voting to approve the new HPC Bylaws at our next meeting. Mrs. Burdette requested

that all members reviewed the proposed Bylaw changes and submitted any revisions to Mr. Smith by Friday, October 1st, 2021.

In other business, Mr. Smith informed the group that Mr. Jerry Adams had submitted his resignation from the HPC board. Mr. Smith noted that there are several vacancies on the board and requested that board members submit names/information of any potential replacements to him as soon as possible. Mr. Julian Bethel submitted a letter regarding his intentions with his property located at 201 N. Hightower Street. Mr. Bethel is seeking to use his parking lot as storage for movable property (Rv's, Vehicles, Boats, Etc.). Mr. Smith informed Mr. Bethel that the HPC board had no authority to approve/deny his intended use and that he would have to submit a rezoning request as his property is currently not zoned appropriately to support that use. Mr. Smith reminded the board members that Mandatory Training would be held on Thursday September 30,2021 in the Government Complex Auditorium from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. Mr. Smith also discussed upcoming GA Cities Week Events and potential pavement markings for the City of Thomaston's newly established Entertainment District.

Jane Burdette asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion was made by Mrs. Gramme and seconded by Mrs. Hoyal. All commission members stood to show approval, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Taylor J. Smith

Economic Development Coordinator