

MINUTES

Town of Southern Pines Historic District Commission Regular Meeting April 10, 2025 at 4:00 PM

The Town of Southern Pines Historic District Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 4:00 PM at the Community Development Building, 801 SE Service Road, Southern Pines, North Carolina.

Members present: Chair Elizabeth Oettinger, Vice Chair Robert Brown, Lane West, Karl Ecker, Talmadge Shepherd and Sarah Farrell.

Planning Director B.J. Grieve, Planner II Mason Mattox and Cindy Williams, Secretary to the Commission, were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

The oath of office was administered to new members Talmadge Shepherd and Sarah Farrell.

Lane West made a motion, which was seconded by Karl Ecker, to approve the Minutes of the May 2024 regular meeting. The motion carried.

HD-06-25 Certificate of Appropriateness – Major Work for 11 Camelia Way

Virto Kids LLC., as an authorized agent of Southern Pines Associates, Inc., is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness – Major Work to add an entrance to the commercial space located at 11 Camelia Way. Pursuant to the Moore County tax record, the property is identified as PIN 858106289730 (PARID 000407001) and is owned by Southern Pines Associates, Inc.

Robert Brown made a motion, which was seconded by Karl Ecker to open the public hearing. The motion carried.

Mr. Mattox provided an overview of the application and entered staff report HD-06-25 into the record as Exhibit A and his Power Point presentation as Exhibit B.

Commissioner Farrell asked if stairs leading to the new door were going to be added.

Mr. George stated that there will be matching stairs into the building with one additional step, and an awning to match those that currently exist on the building.

Mr. George provided a rendering of the proposed door to the members of the Commission, which was entered into the record as Exhibit C.

Ms. Richardson stated that she was requiring that the new door match the existing doors and the light fixture will be a close match to the others and similar in size.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed light fixture.

Mr. Mattox stated that unless the light fixture was approved under the current Certificate of Appropriateness – Major Work, a separate Certificate of Appropriateness would be required.

The applicant agreed to replace all of the existing fixtures if he is unable to find an exact match.

Karl Ecker made a motion, which was seconded by Lane West, to close the public hearing. The motion carried.

Karl Ecker made a motion, which was seconded by Lane West, to adopt Attachment 1 of the staff report as drafted as Findings of Fact regarding proposed Certificate of Appropriateness – Major Work HD-06-25. The motion carried.

Karl Ecker made a motion, which was seconded by Elizabeth Oettinger, to approve HD-06-25 with the following condition: a new light fixture will match the existing fixtures or all three fixtures will be replaced to be consistent. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Mattox provided the requirements for the Certified Local Government accreditation process and proposed creating a schedule of attendees for upcoming conferences. Members Shepherd and Farrell committed to attending a training before September 2025.

Mr. Mattox stated that the Town had been awarded the Department of the Interior Underrepresented Communities Grant approximately two years ago. The first step is to identify three buildings in West Southern Pines to submit for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places and then to identify other sites that would be good additions to the National Register in future years. Two of the buildings that are currently being submitted are AME Zion Church and the Amos Broadway Theater. Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church and School, currently named the E.S. Douglass Community Center, will come before the Commission in the Fall of 2025. The two sites currently being nominated will be reviewed by the Commission during the regular meeting on May 8, 2025, which will be held at the E.S. Douglass Community Center.

On April 24, 2025 at 5:30 PM the historic preservation consultants hired by the Town will be at the E.S. Douglass Community Center to discuss the progress that has been made on grant and solicit feedback from the public on future buildings to be nominated.

Planning Director BJ Grieve provided an overview of the evidentiary hearing process.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Cindy Williams
Secretary to the Historic District Commission

An audio recording of the proceedings is available upon request.