

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2022 – 5:15 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS– MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A Regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board was held on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 5:15 pm in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building.

A. WELCOME by – Mr. Byrum Geisler

B. ROLL CALL – Mrs. Mayana Rice, Director of Community Development

Members of the Board Present: **Mr. Peyton Boyd
Mr. Mike Owens
Mrs. Betsy White
Mr. Byrum Geisler**

Members of the Board Absent: **Mrs. Kristi Hartshorn**

Comprising a quorum of the Board – Yes

Administrative Town Staff: **Mrs. Mayana Rice, Director of Community
Development
Mrs. Janice Dornon, Administrative Assistant**

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (VIDEO 2:03 – 3:11)

- **January 5, 2022, Regular Meeting**
- **January 19, 2022, Work Session Meeting**

On a motion by Mr. Owens seconded by Mrs. White, the board approved the minutes for January 5, 2022, Regular Meeting as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Peyton Boyd	Aye
Mr. Mike Owens	Aye

Mrs. Betsy White **Aye**
Mr. Byrum Geisler **Aye**

On a motion by Mr. Boyd, seconded by Mrs. White, the board approved the minutes for January 19, 2022, Work Session Meeting as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Peyton Boyd **Aye**
Mr. Mike Owens **Abstained**
Mrs. Betsy White **Aye**
Mr. Byrum Geisler **Aye**

D. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

1. Certificate of Appropriateness –*Greeko’s Grill & Café, 211 W. Main St.; owner. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for signage. Located at 211 W. Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (012-1-71) (VIDEO 16:14 – 35:35)*

Mrs. Rice gave the staff report for the request for signage as the applicant is expanding an existing business to an adjacent building.

Mr. Mustafa Ahmed represented the property located at 211 W. Main St. Mr. Ahmed new business will be housed on the first floor of the building. He is requesting a 12 x 1 sign. Mr. Ahmed sign design has changed with a new name chosen for the new business, Rendezvous Café.

The board decided to table this COA until the following items can be obtained by Mr. Ahmed.

1. Sign size, location, letter details, size color, font style, letter layout (one line or stacked)
2. Type of lighting for the sign.

2. Certificate of Appropriateness – *Abingdon Virginia Visitor’s Center, Fields Penn, Abingdon, VA, 24210; Owner. Jerry’s Signs & Awning Inc. Jessica Cooke; Representative. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for signage. Located at 208 W. Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (012-1-125) (VIDEO 3:12 – 16:13)*

Mrs. Rice gave the staff report for the request of two signs, one on Main St. and the second one at the corner of Remsburg and Cummings Street. The signs must be

freestanding or attached to the structure. Sign size should be appropriate to the building size. Guidelines allow 4 square feet; they are requesting a total of 6 square feet.

Ms. Jessica Cooke represented Jerry's Signs and Tonya Triplett represented the Abingdon Visitor's Center.

Mr. Cooke described the two proposed sign as a carved HDU signs, with black, gray and white, double sided, non-illuminated, with wolf sculpture mounted to the top on sign base. The existing posts will be used with the signs mounted 5 ft. above ground level, clearing the existing fence for visibility. Sign without wolf sculpture measures approximately 4 square feet.

On a motion by Mrs. White seconded by Mr. Boyd, the board decided to approve the COA as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Peyton Boyd	Aye
Mr. Mike Owens	Aye
Mrs. Betsy White	Aye
Mr. Byrum Geisler	Aye

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

F. DISCUSSION (VIDEO 35:36 – 44:49))

1. Request for a mid-month meeting on February 16th for Peddling Jacks COA for a sign in the OH District.

Mrs. Rice proposed a Work Session for February 16, 2022 with a Preservation Plan Work Session to follow, the board agreed.

Items to be discussed at the next Preservation Plan Work Session:

1. List of people to invite to the kick-off meeting.
2. Set a date for the kick-off event.
3. Complete Goals.
4. Create Timeline.

2. Grant Submittal.

Mrs. Rice assured the members that she had submitted the grant application for \$5,000.00 to the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The awarding of the grant will be within the next two months.

G. OLD BUSINESS/MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (VIDEO 44:50 – 50:33)

Mrs. Rice brought to the board's attention that several temporary signs have been seen within the Town limits. The code states that temporary signs must have a sign permit. She suggested sending out a brightly colored postcard with a gentle reminder to businesses to have signs permitted.

The board agreed on this action by Mrs. Rice.

H. ADJOURNMENT

On Motion by Mr. Boyd, seconded by Mr. Owens, for the board to adjourn the meeting.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Peyton Boyd	Aye
Mr. Mike Owens	Aye
Mrs. Betsy White	Aye
Mr. Byrum Geisler	Aye

Mr. Geisler declared the meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 P. M.



Byrum Geisler, Chairman



Mayana Rice, Director of Community Development