

Athens City Historic and Architecture Preservation Commission

AGENDA

March 8 2021, 2021 5:30 PM

1. Call to Order Chairperson Mary Ann Reeves called the meeting to order at 5:33PM. Members present include Pam Callahan, Paul Logue, John Valentour, Richard Vedder, and Mark Snider. Members not present include Guy Philips and Cyrus Moore. Quorum was established. Non-commission members present included city planning intern Lauren Conner as well as guest speakers Jon Stevison (RVC Architects) and Megan Meyer (Bagel Street) who discussed Bagel Street Deli's expansion and awning plans for the building previously known as Mountain Laurel Gifts.

2. Disposition of Minutes - Pam Callahan made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. John Valentour seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion was approved.

3. Next Meeting—April 12, 2021 5:30PM

4. New Business

A. Design Review—Bagel Street Deli – Guest speaker Jon Stevison shared historical pictures of the previously owned Mountain Laurel Gifts building (constructed 1884). He walked the commission through Bagel Street Deli's awning and construction plans for the expansion into their newly acquired storefront. Bagel Street hired an experienced masonry restoration company to remove the faux, green stone on the front of the old Mt. Laurel building and restore it to its original masonry. Pam Callahan questioned the exterior handrails and if they could embody a more historical feel to compliment the building. Megan Meyer explained that the computer-generated picture was not doing the handrails justice and planned on mimicking the ironwork from the second-floor window guards in the handrail design to compliment the structure. Mary Ann Reeves asked if there will be window replacements. Megan responded that the existing side's windows and door are staying the same and that the new side will have new windows and a door to mimic the existing side. The commission was concerned about the cedar shakes that frame the windows. Megan agreed to remove that item from the plan and replace it with panelized flat wood.

John Valentour moved to approve Bagel Street Deli's expansion and awning plans with the modifications of the fabric of the awning, the awning's graphics, the exterior woodwork around the windows, and the front railing. Richard Vedder seconded the motion. Mary Ann Reeves decided to abstain from voting until further revisions are presented. The motion was approved. Commission members agreed upon a virtual meeting on Wednesday, March 10th at 3pm to review the revisions.

5. Old Business

A. Priskey Award—First Presbyterian Church – Instead of calling the award the Priskey award, Mary Ann suggested calling the award, "The Award in Memory of Joanne." She also updated the commission that she was working on very simple wording for the plaque. For next month's meeting, Mary Ann suggested that Rev. Martin from the Presbyterian Church be in attendance so that he could discuss his thoughts on the award.

6. Announcements and Updates - There were no additional announcements or updates.

7. Adjournment with all agenda items satisfied and no additional business or announcements, Mary Ann Reeves motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Conner (city planning intern)