

# City of Shelbyville Historic District Commission

315 Washington Street  
Shelbyville, KY 40065

## HDC Meeting Minutes

**July 9, 2024**

Call to Order: 5:28 p.m.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:**

**Motion:** Richardson **Second:** Wells **Approved:** Yes

<u>Members:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Guests Present:</u>
Deborah Magan	X _____	
Stephen Collins	_____	
Rachel Wells	X _____	Darlene Snow, Executive Director, Shelby Main St.
Tom McGinnis (Chair)	X _____	
Jim Henson	X _____	
Michele Floyd Richardson	X _____	
Julie Mulcahy	X _____	
Brian Cushing (HDC)	X _____	

**Old Business:**

Police Department painting is complete and has been well received. Due to the success of Elite Construction on the project, they have been brought into discussions about needed maintenance and repair at 414 Sixth St. (Dottie's), which Shelby Main St. now occupies. The city has offered to discuss assisting with these projects as it would aid the overall Sixth St. project and the city is invested in Main Street's efforts.

Manse painting is pending. Unlike the police station, this will be refreshing how it currently looks so Cushing has decided to give another recommended painter a chance on it, hoping the city can then have multiple reliable options for building painting.

**New Business:**

COA application for 622 Main St./The Barrel Room. Former Historic District Coordinator Trace Kirkwood staff approved a COA application for the same location for a treated lumber deck on the East side of the building for outdoor seating. It would be minimally visible from Main St. and fully visible from Henry Clay St. Commissioner Henson stated that there had been discussions about this addition, but it was never resolved; commissioners were not aware of the approval. As the initial approval was only for the platform, this application was for the roof. Applicant submitted full plans for the renovation of the

building, which includes this deck. Chairman McGinnis asked if the applicant could be asked to paint the wood. Cushing said he could be asked but not required as the original approval did not carry a condition for paint. Motion to approve on the condition that the shingles be in a charcoal-black color range: Commissioner Henson. Second: Commissioner Mulcahy. All in favor.

COA application for The Point Acupuncture, 403 Third St., Jordan Burk; building owned by Chris Perry. The attachment to the application appears to have been written by Mr. Burk's wife, Leslie; Cushing's full email correspondence with her was forwarded to the commissioners and is attached to the COA application on file. She has repeatedly stated her unwillingness to comply with the Historic District Ordinance in regard to handrails that were installed on either side of the front steps of the building without a COA. Being bare dimensional lumber and a three-part frame not appropriate for the building, the commissioners found them unacceptable. Chairman McGinnis stated that it should be removed and replaced with a subtle, metal pipe style railing as has been approved elsewhere in the district. Cushing advised that since there are no specific guidelines about handrails, only that the commission has oversight of any exterior modifications to buildings, wood could be considered and appropriate material. This led to a discussion that resulted in a compromise that the current fames could stay if at least two spindles were added per side and it was painted a complimentary but contrasting color to satisfy what Ms. Burk stated were ADA requirements. This color could range from just off of the current trim to a brown. Chairman McGinnis stated that black could be acceptable. Commissioner Wells stated that she did not want to see black used. If they agree to these terms, Cushing is authorized to staff approve a new application. Commissioners agreed that handrail guidelines should be adopted and that Cushing should research similar guidelines in other districts.

Motion to deny application: Commissioner Heson. Second: Commissioner Wells. All in favor

Motion to authorize Cushing to staff approve a new application: Commissioner Magan. Second: Commissioner Henson. All in favor.

### **Other Business:**

Prior to reviewing the COA applications, Shelby Main St. Executive Director Darlene Snow presented some pending projects being considered by the Main St. Design Committee that they hope to gain the support of the Historic District Commission on. One is a "Welcome to Main Street Shelbyville Kentucky" mural by artist Colleen Turner on the side of 610 Main St. (I Do Bridal), which faces Stargazer Plaza and would be seen by motorists as they enter town. While a brick structure, this wall is already painted, therefore this project would not impact preservation of the structure. The owner, Matt Burnett, has given his consent. Snow is pursuing a grant through T Mobile, which would fund the painting of the mural and tuck pointing the brick in the area that the mural would be painted on. It would not cover tuck pointing the entire wall. The commissioners were shown and image of a mockup of the mural, although the final design would be more fleshed out. Snow clarified that, while the mural appears in a block that contrasts with the wall color in the image, the actual mural would fade into the wall color. Snow assured the commissioners that the goal was for it to be "vibrant but not crazy" and to flow with the broader look of Main Street. She wants it to make visitors feel welcome and excited to be downtown.

Another project is undertaking needed maintenance and freshening up 414 Main St., the new location of the Main St. office. Landlord Travis Hernandez has stated that he is open to any ideas and the city has offered to help with funding. All of the wood on the outside of the structure needs to be repainted; the wood covering where basement windows used to be needs to be replaced. Elite Construction was consulted due to the outstanding job they did on the Police Station and will be sending quotes. A blue and a green option were presented to the commissioners as options for the woodwork (which is

minimal with most of the façade being stone). The current color is a very faded green. A blue option could be used to compliment the "Dottie's" sign.

Regarding signage for the Main St. office, they want to paint it on the bare stucco wall that faces Main St. so that there is nothing projecting that would interfere with the visual of the Dottie's sign. There has also been talk of a broader mural on that wall that would compliment the Sixth St. project with the current state of the wall being bare grey.

In the rear of the building facing the parking lot is a short block wall owned by CREA/Runchero (601 Main St.) that has been vandalized (tagged). It needs to be at least cleaned and painted and maybe another mural candidate.

Snow expressed enthusiasm for the sails on Sixth St. and wants to make sure other color choices complement them.

After review of the COA applications, the commissioners discussed unanimous concern about murals in the Historic District, the colors that may be used, and that it may be a passing fad. Cushing offered that, in the case of the 610 Main St proposal, since the wall is already painted, any preservation concern has passed and a mural could be painted over later if such a fad was, indeed, found to have passed. Chairman McGinnis would rather see a mounted rather than painted sign for Main St. on the side of 414 Main St. The commissioners questioned if broader decoration on the stucco wall would be a benefit for the overall image of the street or detract from the image of the stone façade; the same question was raised regarding using blue on the wood trim. These are all developing issues with no final decisions as of this meeting.

Cushing presented the City of Louisville's Historic Districts' findings that fibrex, a wood composite material, is preferable to aluminum clad for replacement windows on historic structures and have therefore been allowing its use. All present agreed that the Shelbyville HDC could do the same.

Cushing presented a sample of Progressive Materials' silicone coating for metal roofs provided to him by Sluggar's Roofing with the question of if we might allow its use to extend the life of metal roofs in the Historic District if the colors were matched closely (in particular, they were considering it for the Edward Jones office at 611 Main St.). All present agreed that it would be appropriate.

Rich Lane did not attend to present his future plans.

**Adjourn: Motion:** Commissioner Wells **Seconded:** Commissioner Magan **Approved** **Time:** 6:56 p.m.