

The following minutes are from the Historic Commission meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, held in the Abita Springs Town Hall. The meeting convened at 6:00 P.M.

Commission Vice Chairman Monnot called the meeting to order. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Paul Vogt.

Commissioners Alissa Whitney, Andre Monnot, and Paul Vogt were present. Otto Dinkelacker and Ron Blich were absent. Staff member Kristin Tortorich was also present.

#### **AGENDA MODIFICATION**

Kristin Tortorich requested modifying the agenda to correct the address of the last item. The address should read 22257 11<sup>th</sup> Street, not 22237. The St. Joseph Street application was requested to be moved up on the agenda.

**Vice Chairman Monnot motioned to modify the agenda as discussed. Commissioner Whitney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.**

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the February 10, 2026, meeting.

**Commissioner Whitney motioned to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2026, meeting as submitted. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. All voted in favor.**

#### **CONSIDER CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS** Lot 3 Sq 60 St. Joseph Street

The application was for a new single-family home. The building elevation and height are appropriate. Vice Chairman Monnot asked for clarification on the foundation plan. Toby Dufrene clarified that the foundation will be piers, and he will add a thin non-structural concrete slab under the home. The porch will be 7' deep and nearly the whole width of the house. The house will have 10" x 10" wood columns which Commissioner Monnot said align with the windows and doors nicely. The drawings were presented with all elevations showing board and batten, but the applicant said he would probably install horizontal Hardie board will be on the sides of the home and board and batten on the front and back of the house. The windows will be vinyl with 1" x 4" Hardi trim. Shutters may be added later. Vice Chairman Monnot noted the requirement for each of them to be half the width of the window if added. The railing and handrail will be wood, and the steps will be brick. A gas lantern may be added by the front door. The presence of can lights and the absence of fluorescent lighting were confirmed. Drawings were presented without window muntins. Paint will be Sherwin Williams Anew Gray and Keystone Gray with the trim color being a little darker than the siding. Vice Chairman Monnot told the applicant any changes must be approved.

**Commissioner Whitney motioned to approve the application as discussed. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Commissioner Monnot was assigned.**

#### **CONSIDER CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS** 71471 Keller Street

The application was for a new shed. The owner said she has an existing 10'x10' shed and is looking to add a white 12'x16' shed a few feet from it. Vice Chairman Monnot said that the window will need to have vertical proportions. Discussion ensued about what is appropriate for windows in the Historic District and the need to submit the window details for approval.

**Vice Chairman Monnot motioned to approve pending a follow up drawing to determine the window meets regulations. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Commissioner Whitney was assigned.**

**CONSIDER CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS 22257 11<sup>th</sup> Street**

The application was to replace an existing 6'+2' fence with a 7' privacy fence, replace the 4' pool fence with a 4' fence, replace decking and add a patio cover. The deck, railings, and patio cover will be stained gray. A gate will also be replaced going to the pool, but the owner noted it was not shown in the rendering. The columns and roof will match existing materials. Railings will also match the existing design. Roof material will be 26-gauge metal low profile with .5"/12" slope. Replacement deck boards and railings will have gray stain to better match the house siding.

**Commissioner Vogt motioned to accept as submitted. Commissioner Whitney seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Commissioner Vogt was assigned.**

**CONSIDER CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS 23348 Hwy 435**

The application was for an exterior renovation to include siding, shutters, porch columns, paint, windows, and front door. The applicant was not present. Vice Chairman Monnot said the shutters are currently not in compliance and with them being removed to replace the siding, they must now meet the guidelines. The application stated the front and back siding would be Hardie board. Vice Chairman Monnot said the window trim must be 4". Shutters must each be half the width of the window. The door will be fiberglass with a wood look. Lighting details are unknown. Vice Chairman Monnot noted two sconces are permitted, but no exposed fluorescent lights are allowed. As for paint, trim and siding are said to be white and front door wood. Paint colors must be sent for approval prior to application on the house.

**Vice Chairman Monnot motioned to approve the application based on the changes and notes annotated on the application. Commissioner Whitney seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Vice Chairman Monnot is assigned.**

**CONSIDER CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS 22398 Hwy 435, Adam Davis Law Firm**

The application was for a new business sign and signage on the building. Kristin Tortorich said the guidelines say signs may not exceed 32 square feet per face. The proposed sign is 24 square feet per face. The sign will not be backlit plastic panel. Vice Chairman Monnot said he had no objection to form and content but details are needed about materials and colors.

**Vice Chairman Monnot motioned to approve the application pending confirmation of materials of construction, colors, and other details as needed. Commissioner Whitney seconded. All voted in favor. Vice Chairman Monnot is assigned.**

**DISCUSSION** No discussion items.

**OPEN COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Kristin Tortorich announced the 2026 Not Your Mama's Gumbo Cook-off will be held Saturday, March 14, 2026. Ms. Tortorich also announced En Plein Air and Busker Fest events will be held the weekend of April 10, 2026.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner Whitney motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 P.M.**

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Kristin Tortorich, Planning & Zoning Director

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