MINUTES OF THE LAKE CHARLES HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION JUNE 18, 2018

**326 PUJO STREET – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Chairman Davidson called the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission to order at approximately 5:02 P.M.

Chairman Davidson asked for a roll call

**PRESENT:** Chairman Davidson, Adley Cormier, Jude Benoit, Charla Blake, David Hamilla (Quorum) Charla Blake arrived minutes after roll call.

Chairman Davidson called for a motion to accept the minutes from the May 21, 2018 meeting – Jude Benoit 2nd the motion. Commission all in favor.

Ms. Marinovich addressed the commission and the audience and explained about what the commission does in reference to the Historic District of Lake Charles, Charpentier District and Margaret Place District. She also explained that any person may speak or submit a written statement for hearing.

Mr. Adley Cormier announced there will be a demonstration at Iron works by Josh on Broad and Ford St. on the 26th of July. All are invited. Josh will demonstrate the Architectural use of iron. This will be the CHPS quarterly meeting social starts at 6pm with business meeting at 7pm

Ms. Marinovich announced that Commissioner Lauren Granger was not in attendance, she gave birth to her new baby girl on Thursday July 12th.

## Public Hearing Cases:

**HPC 18-13 LAKE CHARLES ZONING ORDINANCE CO. 10598**
**APPLICANT: JOHN DEES 517 BROAD ST.**
Applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness (Section 5-307) (15) in order restore and replace the siding on the back half of the building with like for like materials, repair any damaged windows and doors with like for like material, repair any damaged window trim, fascia, etc. with like for like material.

**STAFF FINDINGS: STAFF FINDINGS:** The on-site and site plan reviews revealed that the proposed request for repairs to the structure located within the **Charpentier Historic District.,** located at **517 Broad. Residential Zoning.** Applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness (Section 5-307) (15) in order to repair any damaged windows and doors with like for like materials; replace damaged siding on the back half of the building with like for like materials; repair window trim, fascia and soffit, etc. With like for like materials.

Ms. Marinovich announced that the zoning was not residential that it is actually business, correction made . Mr. John Dees of 34 River Road, Lake Charles, La. 70601 was in attendance to speak. The building is going to be totally rewired, AC, paint, Optic Fiber, utilizing mostly like for like materials for the interior of the building. The National Parks service State and Federal Tax credit process is working with him on rehabilitation tax credits and will only allow him to replace outside wood with wood. He is following their guidelines. Mr. Cormier and Ms. Charla Blake both explained that the National Historic Preservation guidelines and the Lake Charles HPC follow the same guidelines. Mr. Benoit asked when the building was built; Mr. Dees said he thought it was 1901. The commissioners were pleased that he was restoring the building and applauded his effort. Chairman Davidson asked if there was anyone in the audience to speak against or for 517 Broad. Public was pleased with everything Mr. Dees spoke on. Chairman Davidson asked for a motion, Mr. Cormier motioned and Mr. Benoit 2nd motion, all in favor, the COA was issued to Mr. Dees for **517 BROAD ST.**

**HPC 18-14** **LAKE CHARLES ZONING ORDINANCE CO. 10598**
**APPLICANT:** **LESLIE AUGUSTINE** **528 KIRBY ST**
Applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness (Section 5-307) (15) in order to renovate the property to be used as an Accounting Firm Office. **528 Kirby Business Zoning.**

**STAFF FINDINGS: STAFF FINDINGS:** The on-site and site plan reviews revealed that the proposed request for repairs to the structure located within the **Charpentier Historic District.,** located at **528 Kirby, Business Zoning.** Applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness (Section 5-307) (15) in order to renovate the structure, reestablish front façade by construction of porch, relocating the existing windows from rear and side that match the front upper façade to the ground floor Kirby Street façade; establish new front entry and pedestrian court with enclosures and amenities; relocate existing windows to fill spaces from front and side utilizing relocated windows as available; alter the rear and sides to accommodate an exterior staircase, utilities screening and ADA ramp; siding; exterior lighting and security ; new business sign; columns and repair porte-cochere.

Leslie Augustine of 536 Kirby St. Lake Charles, La 70601 was in attendance to speak. The building is going to be totally remodeled to be used as an Accounting firm. Ms. Marinovich flipped through the slide show and Ms. Augustine spoke on the different slides and the changes that would be being made to the façade the sides and the back. She explained where and why she will be relocating the side windows. The Commission discussed with her the materials she planned on using and encouraged her to recycle the wood that was there and to use new to fill the other areas. The commission suggested the Teardrop wood. Mr. Cormier made the comment that he applauds this project and that he was pleased she did not tear it down and start from scratch. Chairman Davidson asked if there was anyone in the audience here to speak against or for 528 Kirby St. Mr. Phil Hoffpauier of 913 Kirby St. spoke in favor of keeping the old siding. He said he was surprised at how good the siding looked after taking the old asbestos siding off of his house. He said it easy to feather in the new with the old and also mentioned there are several places around that carry the teardrop wood. Chairman Davidson asked for a motion, Mr. Cormier motioned, Mr. Benoit 2$^{nd}$. All in favor, the COA was issued to Ms. Augustine for **528 KIRBY ST.**

Chairman Davidson announced we will move on to New Business.

Ms. Marinovich gave the Commissioners an update on 628 Mill St. Ms. Tanis Robinson. It will go in front of City Council on Aug. 15, 2018 so we should have a final at our HPC meeting on August 20, 2018.

Update on Carter Courts and Clark Courts, both have been accepted as Individual District Listings on the National Register of Historic Places.

Chairman Davidson adjourned meeting at 5:45 PM.