

VIEUX CARRE COMMISSION

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Minutes of the **Vieux Carré Commission** meeting of **Wednesday, December 5, 2018- 1:30 P.M.**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Nicholas S. Musso, Chairman  
Daniel Taylor  
Rick Fifield  
Angela King  
Adrienne Thomas

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Bill Keck  
Patricia C. Denechaud  
Mamie Gasperecz  
Leslie S. Stokes, Secretary

**STAFF PRESENT:** Bryan D. Block, Director; Renée Bourgogne, Architectural Historian;  
Nicholas G. Albrecht, Building Plans Examiner; Erin Vogt, Building Plans Examiner

**STAFF ABSENT:** Marguerite Roberts, Inspector  
Tony Whitfield, Inspector

**I. ROLL CALL**

Chairman Musso called the meeting to order at approximately 1:33 PM. A quorum was established with the presence of five (5) of the nine (9) seated Commissioners present.

**II. REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Mr. Fifield moved, Ms. Thomas seconded, that the minutes of the Vieux Carré Commission meeting of November 7th, 2018 be approved as previously circulated. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Mr. Musso used his time during the Chairman's Report to acknowledge the dedication and express his appreciation of the efforts of Meg Lousteau, Executive Director of VCPORA, who will be taking on a new position out of state. Ms. Lousteau thanked the Chairman, Commissioners, and Staff for their work as well.

**IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- The staff and the Vieux Carré Commission Foundation are happy to announce that the website that hosts what we are referring to as the "Virtual Library" has been released to VCCF members and donors, and will soon be released to the public in its first iteration. It is now in the final phase at [vieuxcarre.nola.gov](http://vieuxcarre.nola.gov) and they are accepting user feedback via [bit.ly/vcvlfeedback](http://bit.ly/vcvlfeedback). They have also hired a new contract employee to continue adding to this innovative online record of the Vieux Carré Commission's archives. Already, 44,000 historic slides have been scanned and linked to the properties they depict, every structure in the neighborhood has been painstakingly mapped in GIS, and every building's color rating and other major attributes have been identified and defined. The Foundation is now scanning and identifying the VCC's countless historic photographs, to be added to the Virtual Library and linked to their locations on the map. We hope you agree that this is a tremendous educational and planning resource for both the VCC and the public.
- At the 11/29/2018 City Council hearing, Council voted unanimously to ratify the proposed Rooftop Addition guidelines which will regulate open-air rooftop occupancy. This had previously not been included within VCC design guidelines and were very much needed as

proposals for this type of condition are becoming more and more common within the district. Staff will be submitting additional guidelines modifications within the coming months.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

**211-15 Royal: 17-22503-VCGEN**; John Guarnieri, applicant; Royal Condominium Developments LLC, owner; Proposal to construct a new gallery, per application & materials received 06/28/17 & 11/13/18, respectively.

<https://onestopapp.nola.gov/Redirect.aspx?SearchString=17-22503-VCGEN>

Ms. Vogt read the staff report. There was no one present on behalf of the application. Mr. Taylor moved to concur with staff for **conceptual approval** to install a new uncovered gallery on the building located at 211 Royal. Mr. Fifield seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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**1025 St Peter St: 18-28687-VCGEN**; Rob Kemp, applicant; Rory Panepinto, owner; Proposal to demolish existing infill structures and to construct new two story building along rear property line, per application & materials received 08/28/18 & 11/08/18, respectively.

<https://onestopapp.nola.gov/Documents.aspx?ObjLabel=Permit&ID=774798>

Mr. Albrecht read the staff report with Mr. Kemp present on behalf of the application. Mr. Musso stated that the project was moving in the correct direction. Mr. Taylor motioned for conceptual approval and to waive the 30 day layover period for demolition. Mr. Fifield seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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**219 N Peters St: 18-35621-VCGEN**; Rachel Rodrigue, applicant; 219 N Peters LLC, owner; Proposal to construct third and fourth floors on top of existing two-story building to restore historic condition, per application & materials received 10/26/18.

<https://onestopapp.nola.gov/Documents.aspx?ObjLabel=Permit&ID=782580>

Mr. Albrecht read the staff report with Ms. Rodrigue present on behalf of the application. Mr. Taylor moved for conceptual approval of the proposal to reconstruct the third and fourth floors on top of the existing two-story building to restore the historic condition. Mr. Fifield seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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## VI. CHANGE OF USE HEARINGS:

**233 N Peters St: 18-28742-VCGEN**; Joe Bowen, applicant; Rice Building LLC, owner; Proposal to install new mechanical equipment and modify door locations on rear elevation, in conjunction with a change of use from vacant to amusement facility, indoor on the first floor, per application & materials received 08/29/18 & 10/19/18, respectively.

<https://onestopapp.nola.gov/Redirect.aspx?SearchString=18-28742-VCGEN>

Ms. Vogt read the staff report with Mr. Bowen present on behalf of the application. Mr. Taylor moved for the approval of the proposal to install new mechanical equipment and modify door locations on rear elevation, in conjunction with a **change of use** from *vacant* to *amusement facility, indoor* on the first floor. Mr. Fifield seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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**VII. RATIFICATION** of Architectural Committee and Staff actions since the Wednesday, November 7, 2018 VCC meeting.

Mr. Taylor moved to ratify the Architecture Committee and Staff actions since November 7, 2018. Mr. Fifield seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

With no other business to discuss, Mr. Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Fifield seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:53 pm.