

VIEUX CARRE COMMISSION

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

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Bill Keck
Patricia C. Denechaud
Mamie Gasperecz

STAFF PRESENT: Bryan D. Block, Director; Renée Bourgoigne, Architectural Historian;
Nicholas G. Albrecht, Building Plans Examiner;

STAFF ABSENT: Erin Vogt, Building Plans Examiner; Marguerite Roberts, Inspector
Tony Whitfield, Inspector

I. ROLL CALL

Chairman Musso called the meeting to order at approximately 1:30 PM. A quorum was established with the presence of five (5) of the nine (9) seated Commissioners present. Commissioner Stokes arrived immediately after the roll call.

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Mr. Taylor moved, Mr. Fifield seconded, that the minutes of the Vieux Carré Commission meeting of July 5th, 2018 be approved as previously circulated. The motion passed unanimously.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Musso noted that statistics were being gathered regarding the VCC clearing applications in a timely fashion. Mr. Musso noted that the information would be distributed in a newsletter type email in about two weeks.

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Block gave the following staff report:

When a gallery or balcony handrail on a historic building is required to be brought up to the standard height of contemporary building codes, the staff and Architectural Committee has made it a policy to recommend removing the historic metal railing and raising it above new horizontal bars. The intent of this is to visually retain the historic railing as the primary architectural element. As a number of these revisions have now been constructed the staff is preparing a photographic survey of this condition for review by the AC. This will be presented at the 8/14/2018 meeting which will be held in the VCC conference room on the 7th floor of City Hall beginning at 1:30pm. As with all VCC hearings and AC meetings, the public is invited to attend and make comment.

V. CHANGE OF USE HEARINGS

1026 St Louis St: 18-17211-VCGEN; Andrea Hendrickson, applicant; John W Stubbs, owner; Proposal to renovate an existing 4-bay creole cottage including the addition of an exterior access ramp and new hood venting in conjunction with a change of use from vacant to standard restaurant, per application & materials received 05/22/18 & 06/26/18, respectively.

<https://onestopapp.nola.gov/Documents.aspx?ObjLabel=Permit&ID=762970>

Mr. Albrecht gave the staff presentation with Mr. Trahan and Ms. Hendrickson present on behalf of the application. Ms. Gail Cavett, in the audience, noted that she lives across the street and that the building has been residential, although it is zoned commercial. Ms. Cavett expressed concern that this would not be a traditional restaurant.

Mr. Trahan stated that their client was from Cane & Table, that the proposal fits within the 15% bar space, that the second floor would be future dining seating, and that the primary entry and exit into the space would be down the alley to the rear.

Mr. Taylor moved for approval of the application as submitted. Ms. Stokes seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VI. APPEALS AND VIOLATIONS

835 Orleans Ave: 18-18408-VCGEN; Brian Begue, applicant; Max J Begue, Max J Begue, owner; Appeal of the Architecture Committee denial of a proposal to remove existing wood weatherboards from the Dauphine and Bourbon elevations of the main building and install new Hardiboard cement siding, per application & materials received 06/01/18 & appeal letter received 06/20/18.

<https://onestopapp.nola.gov/Documents.aspx?ObjLabel=Permit&ID=764144>

The application was deferred by the applicant prior to the meeting.

VII. RATIFICATION of Architectural Committee and Staff actions since the Thursday, July 5, 2018 VCC meeting.

Mr. Taylor moved to ratify the Architecture Committee and Staff actions since July 5, 2018. Ms. Stokes seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

With no other business to discuss, Mr. Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Stokes seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:42pm.