

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD
SUMMARY MINUTES
September 22, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Johnston Boyd
Virginia Siegel
Brian Lowder**

STAFF PRESENT:

**Jessica Martin
Ben Peterson
Monica Spees**

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Southard and Sandy McAllister

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Brian Lowder called the meeting to order.

II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Roll was called by Jessica Martin. At the time of roll call, three (3) out of five (5) of the members were present, confirming a quorum.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairman Brian Lowder stated everyone received a copy of the Summary Minutes of the Historic Preservation Board meeting on August 25, 2016. He asked if there were any comments or changes. Being no comments or questions, Vice Chairman Lowder asked for a Motion.

ACTION: Mr. Johnston Boyd moved to approve the Minutes of the August 25, 2016 Board Meeting as written. Ms. Virginia Siegel seconded the motion. The vote was three (3) yeas, so approved.

IV. CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

Vice Chairman Lowder stated the case “2016-19-COA – El Rinco Mexican Grille & Vulcan Investments, LLC” has been withdrawn. He called the case of “2016-18-COA – State Street United Methodist Church- Fence”. Ms. Monica Spees presented the staff report (available in the office with an open records request). Mr. Gaines Penn, attorney with ELPO came forward not only as an attorney but also on the Board of Trustees for the church. He mentioned there were two gentlemen in the audience from the church and on the Board of Trustees that could answer questions about the church and the homeless problems. He explained the problems that has been happening with their church and wanted to express that they are not wanting to push the homeless out (further explained the organizations that they are involved in and what they currently do for the homeless to-date). He further expressed that the fence is to protect and preserve their property.

Ms. Siegel asked about lowering the fence. Mr. Penn explained the need of the fence being taller because of the stone wall for the wheelchair ramp could be a stepping stone to get over a fence that was shorter. Ms. Siegel expressed concern about setting a precedence for this type of request. The board discussed how this was a special circumstance. ~~Chairman McAllister~~ ^{SOM} asked if there were any other questions or discussions. Being none, she asked for a motion. ~~Vice-Chairman~~ ^{Lowder}

ACTION: Mr. Johnston Boyd made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brian Lowder, to approve the application. My motion is based on the findings of fact as presented in the Staff Report and testimony presented in this public hearing; also taking into consideration the necessity of the additional four feet in fence due to the existing four foot stone wall by the church. The proposed alterations work are in agreement with the adopted 2015 Bowling Green Historic Preservation Design Guidelines and the proposed work will not negatively affect the structure or other properties within the College Hill Local Historic District. The vote was three (3) yeas, so approved.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Spees also gave the board a list of staff approval COA and demolition permits since the August meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Vice Chairman Lowder asked if there were any old business. There was none presented.

VII. ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Sandy McAllister, Chairman Sandy McAllister Date: 11/9/2016