

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
December 2, 2024

MEMBER ABSENT: Nora Collins
Paul Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Adrienne LaFrance-Wells, Main Street Director
Chessi Alexander, Building & Development
Jeremy Ratcliff, Building & Development
John Rutledge, Inject Beauty, 218 Trenton St

The Monday, February 3, 2025, Historic Preservation Commission meeting was called to order by Thom Hamilton. The minutes of the December 2, 2024, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting were approved. There were no meeting in January 2025.

The Commission reviewed the following applications:

COA-24-70000006 for 218 TRENTON STREET/119 COMMERCE STREET by applicants Inject Beauty for 218 Trenton Street (Parcel #37871). Requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior remodel in CB-4 (Central Downtown Development) District located in the Cottonport Historic District per West Monroe Code of Ordinances 12:7038. John Rutledge was the representative for this application. John Rutledge explained that Inject Beauty is wanting to have the balcony restored and to paint the exterior black with a canopy. Jennifer Bass asked if the neon lighting that is present at the business currently was approved. Adreienne LaFrance-Wells said that she had recently spoken with Mayor Mitchell on the matter and Mayor Mitchell approves. John Rutledge added that they are wanting to replace the wood with steel and tin along with adding glass panel doors. John Rutledge also said that they plan to save the original frame as much as possible. Wayne Gentry made the motion to **APPROVE** the Certificate of Appropriateness. Jennifer Bass seconded. All in favor, **the Certificate of Appropriateness is granted.**

In Other Business:

The Commission had an open discussion about the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant being awarded to The Ouachita Group LLC for 200 Commerce Street. The Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant will be used to restore the roof. The Commission also discussed the florescent lighting at Inject Beauty, 218 Trenton Street. The lights will be investigated, and further action will be taken.

As there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned.