

**ROME HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, July 15 , 2015**

Carnegie Building, 607 Broad Street

***ATTENDANCE***

**Members Present:**

Harry Wise  
Megan Watters  
Roger Wade  
Bill Byington  
Nancy Gadberry

**Staff:**

Patrick Eidson  
Ann Arnold  
James Martin  
Bryan King

**Others:**

Robert Noble  
Doug Walker  
Bill Irmacher  
Selena Tilly  
Laura Weber  
Stacey Brown  
Ray Brown  
Bill Jones  
Sonny Manning  
Joyce Manning  
Ron Goss  
Mark Cochran

***CALL TO ORDER***

Chairperson Megan Watters called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Staff called roll; a quorum was met. Ms. Watters welcomed visitors and explained the procedures the meeting would follow. **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

**Case #611-15** The property 206 E 9<sup>th</sup> Street is located in the East Rome Historic District. The applicant, Ray Brown proposed to apply vinyl siding on the east façade of the house. Mr. Brown indicated that several of the adjacent homes have vinyl siding. Mr. Wise motion was made to approve the siding on only the east facade. Mr. Wade seconded the motion, and it carried 3-2.

**Case #612-15** The property 326 Broad Street is located in the Between The Rivers Historic District. The applicant, Joyce Manning proposed to modify the buildings storefront façade, and add updates to the rear façade including a second story deck. Mr. Wise made a motion to approve as summited, and Mr. Wade seconded. With Mr. Byington recused, the motion carried 4-0.

**Case #613-15** The property at 204 Broad Street is located in the Between the Rivers Historic District. The applicant, Stacey Brown proposed the addition of an awning with graphics that exceed the maximum size limit allowed. The commission asked the applicant if she would consider a compromise of the logo's height, between the allowable 18 inches and the requested 36 inch height. Mr. Byington made a motion that the awning logo may be up to 24 inches in height. Mr. Wise seconded, and the motion carried 3-2.

**Case #614-15** The property at 211 Broad Street is located in the Between the Rivers Historic District. The applicant has proposed a signage plan that consists of; two projecting signs, two flush mounted signs, and four window displays. The Commissioners discussed primary and secondary storefront signage, and specific orientation of signage supported by the guidelines. Mr. Byington made a motion to approve one blade sign and one window graphic per storefront, reduce the proposed 46 inches flush mounted sign to 30 inches, and denial of the proposed vertical sign. Ms. Gadberry seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

**Case #615-15** The property at 216 Broad Street is located in the Between the Rivers Historic District. The applicant represented by Bill Jones proposed to restore the buildings primary façade, construct a new secondary facade, and rebuild a second floor on the building. Mr. Wise made a motion to approve as summited with condition that wood be used for the bulkhead and the window frames on the front façade. Mr. Byington seconded the motion, and with Mr. Wade recued the motion carried 4-0.

**Case #616-15** The property at 114 Broad Street is located in the Between the Rivers Historic District. The applicant represented by Bill Jones proposed to renovate the front and rear façades of the building. Mr. Jones indicated that part of the proposed renovations included making window opening on the northeast side façade, and Mr. Jones was instructed to submit that work as a separate case. Mr. Byington made a motion to approve with condition that the front door be wooden, and that no ghost signage be painted over. Mr. Wise seconded the motion, and with Mr. Wade recused the motion carried 4-0.

**Case #617-15** The property at 108 West 6th Avenue is located in the Between the Rivers Historic District. The applicant, Laura Weber requested a certificate of appropriateness for work previously completed, including but not limited to upper story façade renovations, window opening, and materiality of façade treatments. Ms. Weber indicated there was a miscommunication in the process of the renovation. Commissioners stated that there is a vast deviation from what was approved to what was built. Mr. Wise made a motion that all upper level facades be redone to meet the previously approved COA, and that all work below the facade's brick line remain as constructed. Mr. Wade seconded the motion, the motion carried 5-0.

**Case #618-15** The property know as Central Plaza on E 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave is located in the Between the Rivers Historic District. The applicant, Mark Cochran proposed a comprehensive façade update of the retail center. Mr. Cochran indicated that the cornice would continue approximately 8 feet on the second Avenue façade and the remainder would be painted. Mr. Cochran indicated that a section of the façade will be covered in false stacked stone, to cover an existing opening. Commissioners directed applicant, that all signs removed

from old façade must be approved before reapplied to new façade. Mr. Wade made a motion to approve as submitted. Mr. Wise seconded the motion, the motion carried 5-0.

***OTHER BUSINESS***

**1. Approval of Minutes**

- (a) May minutes were approved.

**2. Staff Reports**

- (a) Historic preservation training was discussed.

***With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.***