

**MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING OF THE  
KINGSPORT HISTORIC ZONING COMMISSION**

July 16, 2024

1:30 p.m.

**Members Present**

Jewell McKinney  
Dineen West  
Jack Edwards  
Chip Millican

**Members Absent**

Joe Cross

**Staff Present**

Ken Weems  
Lori Pyatte

**Visitors Present**

Janet Gillenwater

Chairman Jewell McKinney called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The Chairman called for approval of the agenda. A motion was made by Jack Edwards, seconded by Dineen West, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

**New Business**

**2144 Netherland Inn Road (along the back side of Lilac Street) HISTRC24-0117**

Staff presented the case to the Commission. Staff stated that the Netherland Inn Association is requesting to install a freestanding sign along the back side off of Lilac Street. The sign requested is made of black metal with gold letters. The dimensions of the sign are 3 feet high by 5 feet wide and a height of 5 feet. The proposed sign would have no illuminations. The historic guidelines state that freestanding signs shall have a maximum height of five feet. Further, the guidelines also state that such signs should be compatible with the main structure in materials and design. Staff supports approving the request as submitted. Staff stated that the sign proposal is appropriate for this parcel for this specific location in the rear of the property along Lilac Street. The existing buildings on the property are there for maintenance and utilitarian purposes with the exception of the cabin examples.

Ms. Janet Gillenwater, representing the item, said that often visitors state they are not sure where to park. Ms. Gillenwater stated that they do have a smaller sign that has been on the property for years but they felt like they needed a larger sign that is more easily recognized. When Netherland Inn has events now they are putting up a temporary homemade sign and they felt like they needed something more permanent that looked better. Ms. Janet Gillenwater said that they have landscaped the property to make the entrance look nicer and the sign would be going in the area where the landscaping is. The Chairman called for a vote on the item. A motion was made by Dineen West, seconded by Chip Millican, to approve the item as presented. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Ms. Gillenwater said she is thrilled that there are people in town that are interested in the history of our city and are doing as much as they can to preserve it.

Staff made a final comment stating that there will be a regular meeting held on August 12<sup>th</sup> 2024.

With no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jewell McKinney, Chairman