

Athens City Historic and Architecture Preservation Commission
MINUTES
May 8, 2023

1.Call to Order Chairperson Mary Anne Reeves called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Members present include Mark Snider, Richard Vedder, and John Valentour. Quorum established. Non-commission members present: Andrew Chiki, Deputy Service Director.
David Kozar Owner Lostro Building, 63 South Court Street
Phil Riazzi Project Manager WSA Studio 982 South Front Street , Columbus Ohio

2.Disposition of Minutes April minutes were approved by the commission.

3. Next Meeting June 12, 2023, at 5:30 PM

4. Old Business

A. We discussed the plaque situation for the Presbyterian Church. A new procedure needs developed by the commission to get this type of award program operational.

5.New Business

A. Phil Riazzi and David Kozar gave a presentation on the proposed development of the Lostro Building at 63 South Court Street. Essentially exterior detailing will remain and be renovated. The transom glass will be saved and repaired where possible. Drawings of the work scope were distributed to the commission, dated May 8, 2023. All the existing storefront will be replaced and the exterior door configurations will change. Since the project is following the guidelines of The Ohio Historic Preservation Office, the commercial storefronts will also be regulated, this includes signage. It was noted the fenestration has little opportunity for sign boards, due to the cut glass transoms. David indicated they will use projecting signs mounted on the building exterior. Signage review will be through the City Code Office.

Demolition at the building interior is expected to begin next week.

Richard motioned to approve the project at 63 South Court Street as presented to the Historic Preservation Commission by Phil Riazzi and David Kozar. Second by Mary Anne, all approved the motion. A Certificate of Appropriateness will be issued by the City of Athens.

6. Adjournment

All agenda items satisfied and no additional business or announcements. Mark motioned to adjourn the meeting, second John V. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:25PM.

Respectfully submitted by John Valentour