## TOWN OF CHARLOTTE COURT HOUSE, VIRGINIA PUBLIC HEARING MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023 6:30 pm

A public hearing of the Charlotte Court House Town Council was held on Monday, August 21, 2023 at 6:30 pm. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear comments from interested citizens regarding proposed changes to the exterior of the building located at 327 Thomas Jefferson Hwy., situated within the Historic District.

Mayor Watkins and Council Members Andrews, Michaelson, Ramsey and Braxton were present. Council Members Arbogast and Haskins were absent.

Historic District Review Board (HDRB) Members Present: Bates, Perez, Watkins, Spencer

Mayor Watkins called the public hearing to order.

Jason Badeaux stated that he took over the building, which was in such disrepair that it probably wouldn't last another 20 years. He stated that he wants to preserve the building and attract a better clientele base.

Allen Stevens stated that they have started replacing the roof with black metal and they would like to paint the exterior gray.

There was discussion about the time and expense involved with replacing the mortar.

Jason Badeaux stated that if the cost outweighs the benefit, it would be necessary to charge higher rent. He stated that he doesn't understand how the exterior paint color would be an issue considering that the building was allowed to deteriorate to such a degree.

HDRB Chair Murrie Bates stated that the building has historic significance as the first black owned insurance agency and that all improvement requests were approved except for changing the color of the exterior.

David C. Watkins, Jr., Mayor

With no further comments or questions, the public hearing was closed.

ATTEST:

Karen K. Price, Clerk of Council