

## COURTHOUSE SQUARE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

May 5, 2008

Be it remembered that the Courthouse Square Preservation Commission did meet in regular session on Monday, May 5, at 5:00 p.m. in the second floor courtroom of City Hall with the following members present:

Will Lewis, Chairman  
Jim Pryor  
Andy Phillips  
Phil Bailey

Tim Akers, City Planner  
Katrina Hourin, Assistant City Planner  
Tiffany Hatcher, Consultant  
Mary Annie Brown, Secretary

Absent: Teresa Flautt  
Mike Overstreet  
Watt Bishop

After the meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis, Commissioner Andy Phillips informed the Commission of two errors in the April Minutes. The errors are as follows:

1. The date should have shown April 7th instead of April 8th, and
2. The Minutes incorrectly show Commissioner Andy Phillips seconded the Motion to approve the Minutes. May the corrections reflect that Commissioner Mike Overstreet seconded the Motion.

After the corrections were noted, Commissioner Andy Phillips made a motion to approve the April 7, 2008 Minutes with Commissioner Jim Pryor seconding the motion. All present voting aye.

Discussion was heard on CHS case #010. Bradley Bishop came before the Commission regarding the renovation of The Lyric Theater located at 1006 Van Buren. It was brought to the attention of the Commission that the front steps are three (3) feet into City right-of-way. Tim Akers previously explained to Mr. Bishop that any construction in the City right-of-way must be approved by the Board of Alderman. Mr. Bishop explained if the steps are not allowed as they are, the doors would have to be recessed which would be a large expense. Commissioner Phillips stated that he didn't want to penalize Mr. Bishop. Commissioner Lewis had no objections but did have a problem with the building department signing off on a building permit. Mr. Akers stated that he understood how catching the details of the stairs could have been overlooked. He also stated that Mr. Bishop knew of the right-of-way policy and did not know why Mr. Bishop thought this would be an exception. Commissioner Lewis suggested not to pass the motion until the Board of Alderman met to discuss this situation.

Chris Cockrell and David Chase, who are connected with 'It's About Time Oxford', LLC, a Commercial/Retail Development on Tyler Avenue, came before the Commission to give a complimentary preview of the development. Mr. Cockrell and Mr. Case informed the Commission that the development would be located behind the Rib Cage with the front of the building facing Harrison Avenue. They asked the Commission for suggestions regarding appropriate building designs and material for the building. Commissioner Lewis stated his concerns regarding the façade, and that the downtown district had a parking problem because of commercial developments. Tim Akers stated 'It's About Time Oxford', LLC had agreed to purchase a solid waste compactor. The Commission informed the development to get site plan approval, apply for a Certificate of Appropriateness and a building permit.

The next meeting date will be June 2, 2008 at 5:00 p.m..