

## COURTHOUSE SQUARE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Be it remembered that the Courthouse Square Preservation Commission did meet in regular session on Monday, February 1, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. on the second floor in the courtroom of City Hall with the following members present:

Jim Pryor, Chairman  
Phil Bailey  
Donna Gottshall  
Theresa Flautt  
Will Lewis  
Mike Overstreet

Tiffany Smith, Consultant  
Katrina Hourin, Assistant City Planner  
Alicia Thompson, Secretary

The following Commissioner was absent: Andy Phillips

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Pryor.

### Approval of Minutes from January 4, 2010 Meeting

There being no changes to the minutes, motion was made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Overstreet to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2010 meeting.

All present voting aye.

The motion was approved.

### Approval of Agenda

There being no changes to the agenda, motion was made by Commissioner Flautt and seconded by Commissioner Gottshall to accept the agenda.

All present voted aye.

The motion was approved.

**Public Hearing for CHS Case #041 – 400 South Lamar Boulevard.** Prior to the hearing Historic Preservation Consultant Tiffany Smith recused herself. Brad Best came before the Commission representing Holcomb Dunbar and asked the Commission to move his hearing further down the agenda to allow his interior decorator time to make it to the meeting.

**Complimentary Review for Checkers Restaurant – South Lamar Boulevard.** Dwight Barker representing Mid South Restaurants came before Commission seeking complimentary review for a proposed commercial development to be located at the corner of South Lamar Boulevard and University Avenue. Mr. Barker informed that Commission that he was seeking complimentary review for a proposed Checkers Restaurant. He also stated that the plan would include demolition of an existing gas station that is currently vacant. Mr. Barker presented the Commission with a site plan, exterior elevations, and drawings of the proposed project. Mr. Barker also provided the Commission with background information of the Checkers Restaurant chain and stated that the typical style for Checker's restaurants offers drive through service with double driveways. He added that his proposed project would take on the style of a 1950's style diner with upscale indoor and outdoor patio style seating, unlike the

typical Checker's that only provides drive through service. Commissioner Lewis asked Mr. Barker if any other Checker's chains were located within historic districts. Mr. Barker answered and replied that there were Checker's restaurant chains located in the historic districts of other cities. Discussion was made regarding the locations. Mr. Barker informed the commission that the only difference in Checker's restaurants located in historic districts is in signage color, which is more muted in historic districts. Discussion was also made regarding the elevations, signage, parking and design colors of the possible development. After further discussion, the Commission requested that Mr. Barker return with images of other restaurants located within historic districts.

**Public Hearing for Case #041 – 400 South Lamar Boulevard.** Prior to the hearing Historic Preservation Consultant, Tiffany Smith recused herself. Interior designer Laura Husni came before the Commission representing Holcomb Dunbar Law Firm seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness to add a window opening, replace the front door, and add signage at the entrance (rear) and south sides of a building located at 400 South Lamar Boulevard. Ms. Husni provided the Commission with photos of the existing north and south wall, construction plans, exterior elevations, and a materials list. Ms. Husni explained the applicant's request and discussed the locations of the proposed signage. Ms. Husni also explained that the applicant was proposing to change the existing metal doors to wooden eight panel style doors. Further discussion was made regarding the applicant's request.

There being no further questions or comments from the public or the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner Overstreet and seconded by Commissioner Flautt to approve the request for Certificate of Appropriateness.

All present voting aye.

The motion was approved.

Historic Preservation Consultant Tiffany Smith informed the Commission that she had spoken with the City of Oxford's attorney about voting by email. Ms. Smith stated that the City's attorney discouraged voting by email because of the possible violation of the Open Meeting's Act. Mrs. Smith further informed the Commission that she, Chairman Jim Pryor, and Assistant City Planner Katrina Hourin would review the packets prior to each meeting and make any necessary recommendations at that time.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner Flautt and seconded by Commissioner Overstreet to adjourn the meeting.

All present voting aye.

The meeting was adjourned.