

January 11, 2005 meeting to look at the possibility of establishing boundaries for such proposed district.

Several citizens stated their concerns about further requirements being placed upon their property by the City. These property owners did not want to have to come before any additional City body and request approval if they chose to alter the exterior façade of their buildings. They felt the Square had been preserved very well so far by all of the property owners and tenants and did not feel there needed to be any district established to continue this preservation.

Other citizens expressed feelings of dire concern that if a local district was not established the major heart and attraction of Oxford would be lost.

After much discussion, Chairman Lewis stated this item would be carried forward to the January 11, 2005 meeting at 5:30 p.m.

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There came before the Commission case # 008 – (continued from previous meeting) Allen Alexander application for repair to 523 N. Lamar Blvd. Chairman Lewis informed the Commission this was before them at the December meeting and a temporary COA was issued. The application was needed due to the applicant pressure washing the exterior of her home and with this, it was noticed that several of the support beams of the front porch had rotted making the porch structurally unsafe. Due to the beams being support beams for the porch, it was necessary for the contractor to replace the beams immediately. The porch had been restored to its original state. Motion was made to approve a permanent Certificate of Appropriateness by Commissioner Mansel, seconded by Commissioner Flautt. All members present voting Aye.

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There came before the Commission case # 009 – Dorothy Mize application for new construction located at 409 Van Buren Avenue. This case was continued to the January meeting.

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There came before the Commission case # 010 – Gwen Walker, Walker Realty & Land Company, application for a sign located at 609 Van Buren Avenue. Mrs. Walker stated she had installed a new sign at her business and was told she needed a sign permit along with approval of the sign from the Commission in order to comply with City ordinance. The new sign would be wall-mounted, 8 square feet in size and illuminated. Mr. & Mrs. Doug Fancher addressed the Commission. They stated they were the adjoining neighbor to the east of the address and did not feel that an illuminated sign was appropriate in a residential neighborhood. Mrs. Walker informed the Commission that she had disconnected the lighting to the sign until she could come before the Commission. After some discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Riddell, seconded by Commissioner Flautt to continue the case to allow for Mrs. Walker to resubmit an alternate design for the sign. All members present voting Aye.

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There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.