

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSISON

September 12, 2006

5:30 p.m.

Members present: Cody Giles, Chairman
 Cynthia Parham
 Molissia Swaney
 Keith Mansel

After the meeting was called to order, the first order of business was to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2006 meeting. Motion was made to approve the minutes without corrections by Commissioner Swaney, seconded by Commissioner Parham. All members present voting Aye.

There came for discussion public hearing for case #015 – Farrah McAlexander application for a fence located at 624 Van Buren Avenue. Mrs. Alexander stated she would like to request permission to put a small fence in her front yard in order to protect her plants and to keep both pedestrians and their pets from trampling off of their lawn. She also would like to separate her property from the condominium units under construction adjacent to her. The fence would be ornamental iron and would comply with all of the City regulations. Motion was made to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for a fence located at 624 Van Buren Avenue by Commissioner Mansel, seconded by Commissioner Parham. All members present voting Aye.

There came for discussion public hearing for case #016 – Oxford-Lafayette County Heritage Foundation application for restoration of the L.Q.C. Lamar House located at 616 N. 14th Street. Howorth & Associates Architects presented the proposed restoration plan to the Commission stating that the Foundations intentions are to restore the house to its original construction. The footprint of the house will remain as is with the exception of an addition to the north end of the structure that was added in the 80's will be removed. The front porch was also rebuilt in the late 80's and will be restored to its original construction and architecture. All of the original materials will be replicated and have been approved by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. They are proposing to use the fireplaces for the air conditioning units and reconstruct them in wood instead of masonry. This issue is still being discussed with the Department of Archives and History but all of the other renovations have met their approval.

As far as the overall site layout, an additional building is proposed to the north side of the house which will include a kitchen prep area and public restrooms, a driveway will be created at the rear of the property to accommodate additional parking for visitors with an extension of the brick sidewalk to connect the parking area to the home. Motion was made to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for the renovations to the L.Q.C. Lamar House by Commissioner Mansel, seconded by Commissioner Swaney. All members present voting Aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.