

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

January 9, 2007

5:30 P.M.

Members Present: Cody Giles, Chairman
 Phil Bailey
 Sara Davidson
 Mike Overstreet
 Eva Price
 Molissia Swaney
 Keith Mansel
 Renee Moore
 Harry Owens

After the meeting was called to order, the first item of business was to approve the minutes of the November 14th and December 4th, 2006 meetings. Motion was made to approve the minutes of both meetings without corrections by Commissioner Overstreet, seconded by Commissioner Bailey. All members present voting Aye.

Commissioner Owens recused himself from the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

The next order of business was the Oliver-Britt House presentation before the Commission regarding landscaping for 512 Van Buren Avenue. Mr. Corey Alger, Architect, addressed the Commission stating that the Oliver-Britt House had recently been acquired by new owners and they were anticipating the need for some maintenance to be done on the structure, as well as the property. They are proposing to construct a small brick retaining wall along with a 42” steel fence in the front of the property. Landscaping and a new entrance walk will also be addressed. They are here before the Commission to let them know what is intended for the property since it is included within the Depot Neighborhood Historic District and they wanted some “feed back” as to how the Commission felt about the conceptual being presented. The Commission stated concerns regarding the height of the proposed brick retaining wall/iron fence along with informing Mr. Alger that he should refer to the Preservation Guidelines when designing the fencing and landscaping for the project. These Guidelines will give direction as to how and what is expected when altering or updating a historic property.

Commissioner Owens re-entered the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Commissioners Bailey and Davidson recused themselves from the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

The next order of business was to discuss the application of the design standards for North 13th Street. Mr. Akers stated that the address to be discussed is 313 N. 13th Street and if approved by the Board of Aldermen, this parcel will be included in the Jefferson-Madison Preservation District. Due to this possibility, the Board of Aldermen wanted the Commission to review the proposed site plan hypothetically speaking. Mr. Alger addressed the Commission with

the specifications of the proposed project for 313 N. 13th Street. He stated the property owners did meet with the Jefferson-Madison Neighborhood Association on January 8, 2007 in order to dispel concerns regarding the project. After the meeting, the original proposed site plan was modified to reflect the comments and concerns of the Association. Adjustments were made to the front building setbacks on N. 13th Street making the building wall 18ft from the curb and no curb cuts on 13th Street, thus eliminating excess traffic on 13th Street. All vehicle access will be off of Jefferson Avenue. They have moved the front building setback on Jefferson Avenue back to line up with a project that is to be constructed at 1214 Jefferson, which is approximately 12ft from the curb and allotted a west side setback of 9ft to accommodate for proposed balconies.

Commissioner Moore left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Motion was made to support the building footprint presented with no access onto N. 13th Street by Commissioner Overstreet, seconded by Commissioner Owens.

Commissioners voting aye: Harry Owens, Molissia Swaney, Eva Price, Mike Overstreet, and Cody Giles

Commissioners voting nay: Keith Mansel

Motion was approved by a 5 to 1 vote.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.