

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

February 13, 2007

5:30 P.M.

Members Present: Molissia Swaney
 Eva Price
 Harry Owens
 Mike Overstreet
 Phil Bailey

After the meeting was called to order, motion was made by Commissioner Overstreet, seconded by Commissioner Bailey to nominate Commissioner Swaney as chairman pro-temp for tonight's meeting. All members present voting Aye.

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2007 as written by Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Price. All members present voting Aye.

There came for discussion public hearing for case # 18 – W. L. Watt application for a COA for property located at 419 Van Buren Avenue. Ryland Sneed, Engineer, informed the Commission that this project was to include 3 individual residential units which were approved by the Planning Commission approximately 3 years ago. The previous single family home was demolished several years ago and the lot has been vacant. His clients are now before the Commission with their intended exterior plans for all 3 units. The plan labeled as 'Lucille's Place' will front onto Van Buren Avenue with the additional two units being behind. At this time, Mr. Sneed turned the presentation over to Macel Juergens. Mrs. Juergens stated that a few exterior materials had been changed since the submittal of the elevations. The brick to be used on all of the units will be Burlington made by Columbus Brick Company, which is not as red as the rendering. They would like to use vinyl or aluminum windows and vinyl shutters since these materials require little or no maintenance. After much discussion regarding the guidelines for new construction, as well as the possibility of using materials more in keeping with the historic nature of the neighborhood, motion was made to continue this case to a special called meeting by Commissioner Overstreet, seconded by Commissioner Owens. All members present voting Aye.

Mr. Tim Akers, City Planner, brought forth concerns about flat or pitched roof tops on University Avenue. Mr. Akers explained that new or remodeled buildings in the Conservation Overlay District are required to have a pitched roof. He would like for the Commission to render an opinion regarding this regulation as it relates to existing commercial structures on University Avenue. Do they feel that if an existing building with a flat roof wanted to remodel or expand its existing footprint should they be required to do so with a pitched roof? After discussion, the consensus from the Commission was

that if the existing building has or had a flat roof then in order to maintain the character of the existing neighborhood, the roof should remain as is or was.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.