

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
February 27, 2007
5:30 P.M.

Members Present: Molissia Swaney
Sara Davidson
Mike Overstreet
Phil Bailey
Harry Owens

After the meeting was called to order, there came for discussion continued public hearing for case # 18 – W.L. Watt application for a COA for property located at 419 Van Buren Avenue. Present for the meeting was Mrs. Watt, daughter, Judy Conner, Ryland Sneed, Engineer and Macel Juergens, Draftsman. Mrs. Watt informed the Commission that they would like to modify their COA request to exclude the two rear units. They would like to present and receive a COA for only the unit fronting on Van Buren Avenue. The brick will be will be Burlington made by Columbus Brick Company with a medium grey mortar. This brick is used on several buildings on the University and has a very “old” appearance. They did consider clap board siding, as was on the original home that was removed, but the owners’ need the exterior to be as maintenance free as possible. The front windows will be vinyl clad and extend almost to the floor. Keystone pediments will be used above the windows with light divisions to simulate dividers being used on the window panels. The front porch will consist of 12” painted round columns tapering at the bottom. The exterior upstairs balcony hand rails and spindles will be of a new composite plastic, which simulates wood. Both upstairs and downstairs porches will be 5ft wide due to the front topography of the lot. They do intend to reuse the wrought iron handrails from the original house along the front property steps to the sidewalk. After much discussion, the Commission asked that the brick coins be removed from the ends of the structure. They also voiced concern regarding the appearance of the proposed garage door. They felt it needed to be more in keeping with the existing garage doors in the neighborhood. Motion was made to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness with the discussed changes along with the submittal of an alternate garage door for approval by Commissioner Davidson, Owens, and Swaney, by Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Overstreet. All members present voting Aye.

Commissioner Davidson left the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Alderman Antonow brought forth discussion regarding a proposal for the Preservation Commission to begin investigating the possibility of a historic district which would encompass the Conservation Overlay District or portions thereof. Due to there no longer being a quorum, only discussion was held.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.