

PRESERVATION COMMISSION

November 26, 2007

Be it remembered that the Oxford Preservation Commission did meet in special session on Monday, November 19, 2007, at 12:00 p.m. in the City Hall first floor conference room with the following members present:

Cody Giles, Chairman
Jeff Asti
Camp Best
Harry Owens
Ellis Fisher
Farish Percy
Molissia Swaney

Tim Akers, City Planner
Katrina Hourin, Assistant City Planner
Alicia Thompson, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Giles.

After the meeting was called to order, Commissioner Giles informed the Commission that no business was being transacted. The Commission was only meeting to provide feedback, opinions, and suggestions to proposed plans for 409 North Lamar Boulevard (Church of Christ).

AGENDA

Roger Pryor came before the Commission representing Rodney Chamblee seeking feedback regarding the proposed plans for 409 North Lamar Boulevard (Church of Christ). In his presentation, Mr. Pryor informed the Commission that there were three buildings on the site: 1) Chapel – oldest and most important historically; 2) Main Sanctuary; and 3) a one story wing. He stated that the applicant is proposing to demolish the one story wing. The applicant presented options for the project which would include a bank with the main access off of Adams Avenue and installation of a parapet wall which would conceal the HVAC units. The applicant also presented the Commission with geometric design drawings of the project and indicated that nothing would be done to the front façade of the buildings facing North Lamar Boulevard. Questions came from Commissioner Fisher regarding the use of tishomingo stone versus stucco. The applicant addressed those concerns and replied that it would be better to use Tishomingo Stone. The applicant also presented elevations for the project and indicated that an elevator and stairway would be added to the project for handicap accessibility. After the presentation, the applicant asked the Commission for any suggestions to improve the project. Commissioner Asti stated that when the project is brought before the Commission, he will ask questions under new constructions issues. Commissioner Swaney commented that she liked the project and is happy with the fact that the chapel will remain in keeping with the neighborhood. Commissioner Asti questioned the sufficiency of parking for the project. Rodney Chamblee informed the Commission that the landscaping plan will address any parking issues. Commissioner Giles

informed the applicant that questions would probably arise from the public regarding traffic studies for the project. Questions came from HPC Consultant Tiffany Hatcher regarding parking for employees. The applicant addressed those questions and informed the Commission that employee parking would be the less convenient parking with prime parking reserved for commercial spaces. Questions came from Commissioner Best regarding the speed of the project. The applicant informed the Commission the project is set to begin February or March, 2008 with an anticipated completion by Summer, 2008. There was also presentation of the project's landscape plans. The plans included screened fence details and dumpster enclosures. Commissioner Giles questioned if the fencing was limited to the dumpster area. Commissioner Best commended the landscape plans and stated that he hoped it would contribute to Oxford's already beautiful fall foliage. Questions came from Assistant City Planner, Katrina Hourin regarding the surface to be used next to the trees already on the lot. The applicant indicated that pervious paving would more than likely be used.

There being no further questions or comments coming from the Commission, the meeting were adjourned at 12:25 p.m.