

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

November 13, 2008

Be it remembered that the Oxford Historic Preservation Commission did meet in regular session on Wednesday, November 12, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall courtroom with the following members present:

Jeff Asti
Camp Best
Kevin Frye
Harry Owens
Jack McKenzie
Molissia Swaney

Katrina Hourin, Assistant City Planner
Tiffany Hatcher, Historic Preservation Consultant
Alicia Thompson, Secretary

The following members were absent:

Cody Giles
John Morgan King

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Asti.

After the meeting was called to order, the following business was transacted:

Motion was made by Commissioner Asti and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to accept the minutes from the October 14, 2008 meeting.

All present voting aye.

The motion was approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

There came for discussion **Case #058 – 804 South Lamar Boulevard**. Jonathan Mattox of Howorth and Associates, came before the Commission representing Jim & Sylvia Pryor seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness to demolish an existing arbor located to the rear of the property and construct a new screened in porch to the rear of a residential structure located at 804 South Lamar Boulevard. Mr. Mattox presented a materials list, plans, and elevations and explained his client's request for a COA. He also stated that the new porch would blend with the existing porch and would not be visible from the street. Mr. Mattox stated that the project would be in keeping with the architectural style of the neighborhood. Further discussion was made by the Commission regarding the applicant's request.

There being no questions from the public or the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner Owens and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to approve the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness.

All present voting aye.

The motion was approved.

There came for discussion **Case #058 – 909 Filmore Avenue**. Jonathan Mattox of Howorth and Associates came before the Commission representing Gary and Carolyn Carter seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness. Mr. Mattox stated that the applicants were proposing to demolish the existing garage door and adjacent window, demolish the T-11 siding infill on a former porch, and construct a porch in front of the existing garage. Commissioner Asti informed the Commission that letters of support from surrounding neighbors had been received on November 12, 2008. Mr. Mattox also presented drawings, elevations, and a materials list to be used in the project. He further explained the applicants' request and stated that the project would be in keeping with the architectural style of the neighborhood. He also stated that there might be a possibility of replacing the windows with vinyl clad windows, but the change would not affect the elevations. Further discussion was made by the Commission regarding the applicant's request.

There being no further questions or comments from the public or the Commission, motion was by Commissioner Swaney and seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to approve the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness.

All present voting aye.

The motion was approved.

There came for discussion **Case #060 – 1520 Madison Avenue**. Jill Gardner came before the Commission representing John and Leslie Brunam seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness to demolish an existing porch and replace it with a porch more appropriate in material and proportion to the existing residential structure. Ms. Gardner provided the Commission with photos, drawings, and a list of materials to be used in the project. She explained the applicants' request and stated that the project would be kept in keeping with the original 1930's architectural style of the residence. She also stated that the applicants' were also proposing to change the windows and roof tiles on the residence. Questions came from Commissioner Owens to Ms. Gardner asking if the dimensions of the porch would be changing. Consultant Tiffany Hatcher expressed concern over the absence of actual dimensions for the proposed porch. Ms. Gardner replied that the dimensions would probably reflect the dimensions of the current porch located at 1528 Madison Avenue. Ms. Gardner provided the Commission with photos of the porch located at 1528 Madison. Further discussion was made regarding the applicants' request.

There being no further questions or comments from the public or the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner Frye and seconded by Commissioner Best to approve the request for Certificate of Appropriateness.

All present voting aye.

The motion was approved.

There came for discussion **Case #061 – 403 Van Buren Avenue**. Barry Grantham of Grantham Construction came before the Commission representing Helen Starnes seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness to remove an existing sun room and replace it with a new room. Mr. Grantham presented the Commission with photos and a demolition plan for the existing sun room and drawings, elevations, and a list of materials for the proposed room. He stated that the room's footprint would remain the same with an additional 160 square feet being added. Mr. Grantham also stated that the room would have a mainly flat roof line and would not be visible from the street. He also stated that room's main use would be as a laundry room. Further discussion was made regarding the applicant's request.

There being no further questions or comments from the public or the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner Swaney and seconded by Commissioner Owens to approve the request for Certificate of Appropriateness.

All present voting aye.

The motion was approved.

Further Consideration of Policies and Procedures for Demolition by Neglect

Consultant Tiffany Hatcher provided the Commission with an update on the proposed resolution regarding the policies and procedures for demolition by neglect. Ms. Hatcher provided the commission with the changes that had been made to the resolution and stated that the changes would be presented to the Courthouse Square Preservation Commission before being presented to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. After further discussion, the Commission agreed to allow the Courthouse Square Preservation Commission to review the proposed changes before voting on the proposed resolution and forwarding it to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.