

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

June 30, 2009

Be it remembered that the Oxford Historic Preservation Commission did meet in special session on Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall courtroom with the following members present:

Cody Giles, Chairman
Jeff Asti
Camp Best
Kevin Frye
Harry Owens
Jack McKenzie
Molissia Swaney
Sonia Weinburg Thompson

Katrina Hourin, Assistant City Planner
Tiffany Smith, Historic Preservation Consultant

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Giles.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Swaney and seconded by Commissioner Owens to accept the minutes from the May 12, 2009 meeting.

All present voting aye.

The motion was approved.

The commission moved the amendment to the last item to better accommodate the waiting applicants.

REGULAR AGENDA

Public Hearing for Case 073 – 1503 Johnson Avenue. Todd Paine came before the Commission representing Jason Raymond requesting a COA to enclose the existing carport, raise the existing roof to be consistent with the house, replace the shingles on the existing roof, replace the existing windows, and install new siding on the carport and front gable of a residential structure located at 1503 Johnson Avenue. Mr. Paine discussed proposed modifications listed on COA application. Commissioner Swaney commented on the garage doors asking what they would look like. Mr. Paine stated that he was open to installing anything the board felt was appropriate. Commissioner Best suggested a 60's style garage door to compliment the period in which the house was built. The topic of the window replacement was brought up and Mr. Paine proposed using vinyl windows for the purpose of cost and budget of his client as well as offering a greater efficiency. He also proposed, 1/1 windows instead of replacing the existing 2/2 windows, explaining that a vinyl mullion would detract from the overall appearance of the window. Commissioner Asti indicated the vinyl windows are listed in the guidelines as an

acceptable material, expressing that it is more of an aesthetic issue rather than a practical issue. Commissioner Best asked if the picture window would stay the same. Mr. Paine indicated that it would. Motion was made by Commissioner Frye and seconded by Commissioner Best to approve the plan for the proposed windows and roof replacements while approval of garage doors is pending approval of the style by the City of Oxford's Planning Department for property located at 1503 Johnson Avenue, Oxford, Mississippi.

Public Hearing for Case 074 – 1501 South 10th Street. Todd Paine came before the Commission representing Steven Diggs requesting a COA to extend the sitting room, construct a screen porch, raise the existing roof in the rear to cover the garage, and replace the roof with 30 year architectural shingle on property located at 1501 South 10th Street. Mr. Paine presented proposed changes to 1501 S.10th Street. Mr. McKenzie asked about the age of the present roof condition noting that it looked relatively new. Mr. Paine indicated that while enclosing the rear porch and raising the roof line of the existing garage it was decided that the whole roof would need to be updated and replaced. The commission complimented Mr. Paine on his presentation material and submission of samples. Motion was made by Commissioner Owens and seconded by Commissioner Asti to approve the request for COA for property located at 1501 S. 10th Street, Oxford, Mississippi.

All present voting aye.

The motion was approved.

Public Hearing for Case 075 – 1701 Jackson Avenue. Dick Marchbanks came before the Commission representing John Shaw requesting a COA to demolish the existing two story front porch on a residence located at 1701 Jackson Avenue. Mr. Marchbanks spoke to the danger and concerns for the safety of persons viewing the property. He also indicated that vandals have damaged the porch and due to the lack of upkeep the porch has fallen into disrepair. Commissioner Asti asked what he was proposing. Mr. Marchbanks indicated that the trustee of the property wanted to remove the porch and not replace or repair it. Commissioner Asti asked if a structural report had been done to address the unsound state of the porch. Commissioner Asti also suggested tabling the case one month until the situation can be assessed, wanting more information. Historic Preservation Consultant Tiffany Smith asked if the removal of the porch would further damage the façade of the house. Mr. Marchbanks stated that he felt that if the porch were allowed to remain it might well damage the façade, referring back to his comment regarding safety. Commissioner Asti commented again on the need for more information. Commissioner Giles agreed with Commissioner Asti stating there was a need for Ken Ash to report on the porch's structural integrity. Commissioner Asti mentioned initiating a formal inquiry discharging the responsibility to the city. Mrs. Smith discussed an inspection conducted by Randy Barber, the building official. Commissioner Giles asked that Mr. Ash submit an estimate for the cost of repairing and replacing the porch. Mr. Marchbanks asked for and received permission to access the property to conduct an inspection. After discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Asti and seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to table a decision for one month to allow the applicant to gather structural information from the city building official and get estimates for the repair and replacement of the porch from Ken Ash located at 1701 Jackson Avenue, Oxford, Mississippi.

All present voting aye.

The motion to table a decision to the next meeting was approved.

There being no further comments or questions from the public or the Commission the meeting was adjourned.