

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

October 2, 2009

Be it remembered that the Oxford Historic Preservation Commission did meet in regular session on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall courtroom with the following members present:

Jeff Asti
Camp Best
Kevin Frye
Jack McKenzie
Molissia Swaney
Shawn Telford

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

Absent Sonia Weinberg Thompson
 Alicia Thompson
 Harry Owens

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Asti.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to accept the minutes from the August 11, 2009 meeting.

All present voting aye.

The motion was approved.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CASE # 075

Ken Ash, representing John Shaw came before the commission regarding a COA application for property located on 1701 Jackson Avenue. The case was tabled last month, pending further investigation of the resource as requested by the commission. After meeting, on site with Mr. Barber, the City Building Inspector, Mr. Ash submitted a proposal with construction drawings and specifications to stabilize the existing porch and balcony. Mr. Ash explained, in detail, the submitted construction drawings. Chairman Asti, asking for confirmation that the submitted proposal is to preserve the balcony as it currently exists without tearing anything down. Commissioner Swaney asked if the proposal was a temporary fix to the structure. Mr. Ash

confirmed. After further discussion, Chairmen Asti asked for question or comments. Commissioner Swaney asked if the proposal would keep the balcony from further deterioration. Further discussion revealed that the proposal was merely to brace the structure to keep it from falling. Chairmen Asti in an effort to fashion a request for motion suggested that the current COA request to demolish the portion of the structure be denied provided however that the motion to amend the COA to approve temporary remedial measures as outlined in Mr. Ash's submittal until further action can be taken from the commission. Commissioner Frye asked Mr. Barber for information regarding the state of the structure as it exists. Mr. Barber replied that the first floor is secure, but indicated that the second floor balcony is unstable recommending against live loads on that portion of the structure. Chairmen Asti asked for a second to the pending motion. Commissioner Best seconded. There being no further discussion, Chairman Asti put the motion to a vote. All present saying aye.

Chairman Asti cautioned Mr. Ash to inform his principal that further action would be taken by indicating that at some point the commission would initiate the Demolition by Neglect Procedure. Ms. Smith confirmed that a written request is necessary to initiate the process.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CASE # 079

Mr. Hughes, at the requested of the commission, resubmitted his COA application for new construction to reflect a more accurate placement of the structure than what was initially submitted at last month's meeting. Mr. Hughes informed the commission that the structure would be moved to be in compliance with city regulations as required once a non-conforming structure is removed. After further discussion, Commissioner Frye moved to approve the request with the condition that the new structure does not move forward. Commissioner Swaney seconded the motion. All present saying aye, the motion was approved.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CASE # 081

Todd Paine came forward representing Gary Holdiness for property located at 1104 Grant Circle requesting approval to replace the existing roof with a standard standing seam metal roof. After no further discussion, Chairman Asti, asking for a motion; Commissioner Best moved to approve the request as submitted and Commissioner McKenzie seconding the motion. All in favor saying aye, the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CASE # 082

As the applicant was not present, the case was moved to last position on the agenda.

SOLAR PANELS IN A HISTROIC DISTRICT

Mr. Will Hegman, of Mississippi Solar, LLC returning from last month to continue discussion on a proposal to install solar panels on the roof of a residence currently located in the Depot District. At present the Design Guidelines do not address solar panels. After further discussion

the commission spoke in favor of developing design guidelines for solar panels. The commission agreed that guidelines were not required in advance of a COA request for solar panels for the subject residence located in the Depot District. Ms. Smith agreed to submit solar panel guidelines before the next meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CASE # 082

Macel Juergens, agent for Tim Phillips, appeared before the commission to discuss the COA request for a property located at 1604 Buchanan. Ms. Juergens, proposed a change to an exterior front door replacement, and submitted two options for approval. Also included in the proposal are window replacements to a mud room located in the rear portion of the home. The existing two over two, horizontal light configured windows will be replaced with a vertical, three over one window which is in keeping with the original design of the residence. Commissioner Frye moved to approve the application, as submitted approving either front door option. Commissioner Best seconded the motion. Chairman Asti asked for any further comments or questions from the commission and put the motion to a vote. The motion carried with all present voting aye.

Chairman Asti asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Frye made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner McKenzie seconded the motion, all present voting aye. The meeting was adjourned.

