

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Be it remembered that the Oxford Historic Preservation Commission did meet in regular session on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall courtroom with the following members present:

Jeff Asti, Chairman
Jack McKenzie, Vice Chairman
Campbell Best
Harry Owens
Julie Spears
Molissia Swaney
Shawn Telford
Babs Ton

Katrina Hourin, Assistant City Planner
Alicia Thompson, Secretary
Attorney Paul Watkins, Mayo-Mallette Law Firm

The following Commissioner was absent:

Sonia Weinburg Thompson

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Asti.

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

2. **Approval of the Agenda.** Chairman Asti asked if there were any changes to the agenda. The following changes were made to the applicant: the postponement of Item # 4 – Initiation of Demolition by Neglect for 1405 Madison Avenue due to the applicant having not been served.

There being no further changes to the agenda, motion was made by Commissioner Ton and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to approve the agenda.

All present voting aye.

The motion was approved and the agenda was accepted.

3. **Approval of the Minutes from the September 14, 2010 Meeting.** Chairman Asti asked if there were any modifications to the minutes from the September 14, 2010 meeting. There were none.

There being no changes, motion was made by Commissioner Best and seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2010 meeting.

All present voting aye.

The motion was approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. **Public Hearing for Case #116 – 1405 Madison Avenue – Initiation of the Demolition by Neglect Procedure. (POSTPONED)**

5. **Public Hearing for Case #125 – 621 N. 14th Street** *(Prior to the hearing, Commissioner Swaney recused herself)*. Jonathan Mattox of Howorth and Associates Architects came before the Commission representing Matthew and Lori Johnson seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness to construct a new single family residence and detached garage on property located at 621 North 14th Street, Oxford, Mississippi. Mr. Mattox presented the Commission with a site plan, elevations of the proposed residence, and elevations for the proposed garage. Mr. Mattox explained to the Commission that the applicants were desirous of constructing a 3 bedroom 2 ½ bath single family residence with a detached garage. He also stated that the applicants were proposing to leave space for a pool in to be constructed in the future. Mr. Mattox further explained that the materials to be used in the project would be brick veneer over 2x4 wood construction on a conventional crawl space foundation; stucco at the entry terrace and bay windows, as well as some of the gables; architectural asphalt shingle roofing except where metal roofing would be used over the screened porch; and antique “Fenestra” steel casement windows from a restoration specialist in New York state. Mr. Mattox also stated that the front entry terrace of the proposed construction is sited to achieve a consistent line between the adjoining structures as required by the Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District ordinance. Further discussion was made regarding the request.

Commissioner Best questioned Mr. Mattox about the architectural style of the proposed structure. Mr. Mattox replied that the proposed design had an Arts and Crafts style feel, but that the structure did not have any one particular style. Commissioner Best expressed concern about the proposed style of the structure stating that it appeared to be incompatible with other existing structures in the neighborhood. Mr. Mattox rebutted and stated that street where the proposed residence is to be constructed is an eclectic street with a mix of varying architectural styles. Further lengthy debate was made between Commissioner Best and Mr. Mattox regarding the style of the proposed structure and whether it would be in keeping with the character of the other structures in the neighborhood.

Comments came from Commissioner Spears stating that she felt that the features on the proposed residence would add interest and character to the neighborhood. Commissioner Spears also stated that she felt that the proposed residence would “look good in that spot”.

Mr. Mattox reiterated to the Commission that he and the applicants had spent a considerable amount of time ensuring that the proposed residence would fit into the neighborhood. Further discussion was made regarding the request.

There being no further questions or comments from the public or the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner Owens and seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to approve the request for Certificate of Appropriateness to construct a new single family residence and detached garage on property located at 621 North 14th Street, Oxford, Mississippi.

The vote was as follows:

Asti	Aye	Best	Nay
McKenzie	Aye	Ton	Nay
Owens	Aye	Spears	Aye
Telford	Aye	Swaney	Aye
Thompson	Absent		

The motion was approved.

7. **Complimentary Review – 1209 S. 16th Street.** Edye Conkerton of ECO Architects and George Haymans, property owner came before the Commission seeking complimentary review for property located at 1209 S. 16th Street. Ms. Conkerton explained to the Commission that she was seeking feedback for modified site layouts for Magnolia Place Condominiums. Ms. Conkerton presented the Commission with massing studies of the proposed structures. She stated that the presented site layouts were different than previously submitted site layouts because the structures had been scaled down 20 feet shorter and 10 feet narrower than in previously presented site layouts. Ms. Conkerton also informed the Commission that the applicant would be proposing to construct units A, B, C, D rather than the previously submitted plans for buildings 1, 2 & 3. Discussion was made between the Commission, Mr. Haymans, and Ms. Conkerton regarding the modifications. The Commission provided Ms. Conkerton with feedback regarding the site layouts and Commissioners Swaney, Best, Spears, Ton each voiced that they saw great improvement with the current plan.

Assistant City Planner Katrina Hourin informed the Commission that the City of Oxford would be hosting the AIA Conference on Sustainable Design November 1 – November 3, 2010. She informed the Commissioners that they were each invited to attend the town hall meetings and breakout sessions during the conference.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner Owens and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to adjourn the meeting.

All present voting aye.

The meeting was adjourned.