

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Be it remembered that the Oxford Historic Preservation Commission did meet in special session on Thursday September 29, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall courtroom with the following members present:

Jeff Asti, Chairman  
John McKenzie, Vice Chairman  
Sonia Weinberg Thompson  
Shawn Telford  
Julie Spears  
Molissia Swaney  
Brian Hyneman  
Babs Ton

Katrina Hourin, Assistant City Planner  
Lynn Conerly, Secretary

The following Commissioner was absent:

Camp Best

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Asti.
2. **Approval of the Agenda.** Chairman Asti asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There being no further changes, motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie and seconded by Commissioner Ton to approve the agenda.

All present voting aye.

The motion was approved and the agenda was accepted.

3. **Public Hearing #149-First Baptist Church-631 Van Buren Avenue:** Mr. Robert Allen came before the Commission seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for demolition by Public Safety Exclusion, Section 54-31 of the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Mr. Allen reminded the Commission this is a continuation from last month. There was discussion among the Commission regarding this property. The majority of this board is for renovating this home. It is a contributing piece of history of the South Lamar District. Randy Barber, Building Inspector, wrote a letter to the Commission that states this home can be restored with major repairs. Commissioner Asti made a motion to deny the COA. Commissioner Hyneman seconded the motion to deny a Certificate of Appropriateness.

The voting is as follows:

Asti	Aye	Hyneman	Aye
Spears	Aye	McKenzie	Nay
Swaney	Aye	Telford	Nay
Thompson	Aye		
Ton	Aye		

The motion was denied.

4. **Public Hearing #150- Butler, Snow -1200 Jefferson.:** Tommy Murphy is representing Butler Snow seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for a sign.

Mr. Murphy provided pictures of the sign which included measurements. No discussion was needed.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the COA. Commissioner McKenzie seconded the motion.

The motion was approved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness.

5. **Public Hearing #151-Todd Bertolet-property at 410 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street:** Corey Alger is representing Mr. Bertolet in seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness. Mr. Alger apologized for failing to mention the structural issues a year ago when this project started. Mr. Alger is now proposing to seal the brick and provide stucco finish using 2 colors.

Mr. Alger explained that water is seeping through the 8 inch brick into the home. There is damage all through the house. The low grade areas have already been taken care of. There was discussion among the Commission regarding what to do. Commissioner Ton made a motion not to approve the COA, but proposed to seal with a drylocke type product and paint the brick. This will provide the shape of the brick to be visible. Commissioner Asti seconded.

All present voting aye, except for Commissioner Swaney, who was abstention on this case.

The motion was approved to deny the COA for stucco finish.

6. **Public Hearing #152-property located at 421 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street-** Joel Little is representing clients at 421 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street in asking for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a copper scalloped awning. Mr. Little provided pictures of the awning with measurements. There were no questions or comments from the Commission.

Commissioner Swaney made a motion not to approve the COA. Commissioner McKenzie seconded.

All present voting aye.

The motion was approved.

7. **Public Hearing #153-616 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street:** Mary-Kathryn Herrington is present today requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for a sign to be placed on property located at 616 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Ms. Herrington is asking for a Blues Marker to go at the LQC Lamar House Museum. There is already a sign marking the Museum, but this Marker will go by the driveway.

There was no discussion among the Commission. Commissioner Swaney made a motion to approve the COA. Commissioner McKenzie seconded.

All present voting aye.

The motion was approved.

**Preliminary Review for property located at 1510 Garfield Avenue:** Ryland Sneed, Precision Engineering and Brad Beard are here today to talk about a renovation project Mr. Beard is going to do. Mr. Beard is going to renovate the existing home and put 6 condos behind the house. The condos will have 8 feet between each one. The main house will be sold. The brick on this home will be painted. The Commission was concerned with the examples not looking like the reality. Also, the landscape was talked about. Mr. Sneed instructed the Commission there will be trees planted.

The Commission all agreed they will need to go by the property and look at it.