

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Be it remembered that the Oxford Historic Preservation Commission did meet in regular session on Tuesday November 8, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall courtroom with the following members present:

Jeff Asti, Chairman
John McKenzie, Vice Chairman
Julie Spears
Molissia Swaney
Brian Hyneman
Babs Ton
Camp Best

Katrina Hourin, Assistant City Planner
Lynn Conerly, Secretary

The following Commissioner was absent:

Shawn Telford
Sonia Weinberg Thompson

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. A Complimentary Review for 1508 Buchanan Avenue has been added to the agenda. Also, Case 154 should be 1510 Garfield Avenue. There being no further changes a motion was made by Commissioner Best and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to approve the agenda.

All present voting aye.

The motion was approved and the agenda was accepted with the changes.

3. **Approval of the Minutes:** Chairman Asti asked if there were any changes to the minutes. Item 5 should be 1510 Garfield Avenue. There being no further changes a motion was made to amend the minutes to reflect item 5 being 1510 Garfield Avenue by Commissioner Best and seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to approve the amended minutes.

All present voting aye.

The motion was approved and the amended minutes were accepted.

4. **Public Hearing #154-Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 1510 Garfield Avenue:** Ryland Sneed came before the Commission seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 1510 Garfield Avenue on behalf of the developer, Brad Beard, who was also in attendance. As requested from the last meeting, Mr. Sneed reviewed the additional drawings submitted with the Commission.

Discussion was made regarding the density of six units relative to their placement on the property and the impact to the area. Mr. Sneed reported he had spoken to the City Engineer, Bart Robinson, who indicated that there is no traffic impact for this area. Additional comments were repeated with concern to the increased density. Mr. Beard commented that the proposed development will only increase the value of the homes around it. Commissioner Asti concurred, but Commissioner Ton also remarked that the development does not contribute to the feel of the neighborhood. Discussion was made regarding the units and their lack of orientation to a public street. Additional comments regarding the massing, height and scale relative to surrounding buildings were made. Discussion continued regarding the context of the neighborhood and how the proposed development was out of context with the area surrounding it.

There being no further questions or comments by the Commission and no comments from the audience a motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. Commissioner Hyneman seconded the motion.

The following vote concurred:

Voting 'Aye': McKenzie, Swaney, Hyneman

Voting 'Nay': Spears, Asti, Best and Ton

The request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 1510 Garfield Avenue was denied.

5. **Case #156-Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 503 N. 14th Street:** Peggy Supple came before the Commission seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 503 N. 14th Street. Mrs. Supple is proposing to install a black wrought iron railing for three (3) steps at a rear entrance in the carport.

There being no further questions or comments from the Commission and no comments from the audience a motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. Commissioner Hyneman seconded the motion.

All present voting aye.

The request was approved for a Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 503 N. 14th Street.

Complimentary Review for property located at 1508 Buchanan Avenue:

Mr. Will Guest appeared before the Commission proposing to renovate a house located at 1508 Buchanan Avenue. Mr. Guest would is desirous of constructing a master bath and walk in closet to the back of the house and replace all of the existing windows. The current windows are wood and Mr. Guest would like to replace them with vinyl. Commissioner Asti suggested that Mr. Guest read the Design Guidelines and see what is recommended. Commissioner Spears suggested PVC (plastic) on the exterior of the window and wood on the interior. Commissioner Asti informed Mr. Guest that he might be eligible for tax relief on the property and might consider using better materials.

Commissioner Spears suggested he bring samples for the next meeting.

Election of Officers:

The Commission all agreed that Jeff Asti remain Chairman and Jack McKenzie for Vice Chairman. Commissioner Best made a motion to accept these nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman. Commissioner Swaney seconded and the nominations were accepted.