

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Be it remembered that the Oxford Historic Preservation Commission did meet in regular session on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall courtroom with the following members present:

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

Katrina Hourin, Assistant City Planner
Lynn Conerly, Secretary

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. Item 8 will go to item 4. There being no further changes a motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie and seconded by Commissioner Best to approve the agenda.

All present voting aye.

The agenda was approved.

3. **Approval of the Minutes for January 10, 2012:** Chairman Asti asked if there were any changes to the minutes. There being no changes a motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie and seconded by Commissioner Thompson to approve the minutes from January 10, 2012.

All present voting aye.

The motion was approved and the minutes were accepted.

4. **Public Hearing #162-Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 1207 Garfield Avenue:** George Hayman came before the Commission seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 1207 Garfield Avenue.

Mr. Hayman is requesting modifications to a house plan that already has a Certificate of Appropriateness. The changes would include changing the gable from wagon wheel style, increase porch across front of the house and put an awning over the side door.

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

All present voting Aye

The motion passes for a Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 1207 Garfield.

Preliminary Conference on property on South 9th Street

Mr. Haymans is proposing to make modifications to the Old Adams Building. Mr. Haymans would like to change the front elevation similar to the Edgar building, replace windows and doors, add a balcony and add a one (1) bedroom apartment.

5. Public Hearing #117-Demo by Neglect for property located at 1405 Madison Avenue

Rhea Tannehill is present today to inform the Commission Mr. Calhoon doesn't own the property anymore. Chase Bank owns the property and LPS manages it. The doors now have pad locks on them. Commissioner Asti clarified that Mr. Calhoon does still own the property. Mr. Tannehill informed the Commission there is an offer on the property at this time. The property is not in foreclosure and a short sell would avoid foreclosure. Commissioner Asti suggested this be brought back next month so Chase and LPS can be notified. Commissioner Asti suggested the City Attorney be contacted letting him know Chase and LPS will be notified.

6. Public Hearing#159-Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 1222 Buchanan Avenue- Commissioner McKenzie abstained himself. Lee Martin is present for Mrs. Lowe today. Mr. Martin is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 1222 Buchanan Avenue.

Mrs. Lowe is proposing to add black iron handrails to the exterior stairs and patio. There will be one handrail on each side. These are for safety features.

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

All present voting Aye

The motion passes for a Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 1222 Buchanan Avenue

7. **Public Hearing #160-Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 1000 University Avenue.** Andy Fornea is present today requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 1000 University Avenue. Mr. Fornea is requesting a change in size of a window. This original request was to have two (2) three foot wide windows but is requesting one (1) 5 foot wide window. This window is at the rear of the property.

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

All present voting aye.

The motion passes to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 1000 University Avenue.

8. **Public Hearing #161-Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 1521 Garfield.** The owner of this property is not present today. The fence around the property is made of pallets. Virginia Pence commented new fences should compliment the house. This fence has been here for months. Chris Carter, Building Inspector, talked the owner months ago and told him he in violation of the fence ordinance. A letter will be mailed the property owner to remind him he is in violation of the fence ordinance. Commissioner Asti decided to adjourn this case until next month.

9. **Public Hearing #163-Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 1339 Pierce Avenue.** Celeste Jordan is present today for Elizabeth McFadden. A certificate of Appropriateness is requested to install a picket fence in the front of the property. The fence will be 33” tall with treated lumber. The fence will turn and go down the west side of the property and same for the east end of the property. Ms. Jordan will encourage Ms. McFadden to either paint the fence or stain it.

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

All present voting aye.

The motion passes to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 1339 Pierce Avenue

General Discussion

Commissioner Asti gave an update on the demolition of the house that was approved for the First Baptist Church last night at the Board of Aldermen meeting. “Copper lightening” tore up the interior of the home. This Committee wasn’t notified of the situation of the inside of the home being destroyed. It was suggested to include in ordinance to say can’t use statute to neglect or demolish. Commissioner Thompson suggested an Alderman attend our monthly meetings. The Commission thought this is a great idea.

Commissioner McKenzie commented on Chipper Calhoon’s property. He reminded the Commission that he suggested two years ago lenders who had leans on this property. This property should have already been foreclosed on. Although pad locks are on the doors, Mr. Calhoon still controls the property. Ms. Hourin was asked to notify the first lean holder and serve them by certified letter or newspaper notice and find out what is going on. The second lean holder should also be served.

Commissioner Swaney asked about the house on 9th Street (Corey Alger)- Looks like t they are working on the base of the house. The home will be smeared on the front and painted with a sealer. The brick will still be seen.

Commissioner Thompson will send a letter to the Board of Aldermen requesting someone to attend our monthly meetings.

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Swaney seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.