

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Be it remembered that the Oxford Historic Preservation Commission did meet in regular session on Tuesday, March 12, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall courtroom with the following members present:

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

Mayor Pat Patterson
Katrina Hourin, Assistant City Planner
Virginia Pence, Historic Preservation Consultant
Lynn Conerly, Secretary

The following Commissioners were absent:

Molissia Swaney
Julie Spears

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Asti.
2. **Approval of the Agenda.** Chairman Asti asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. Commissioner Asti asked for the Ordinance change to be discussed. There being no further additions 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 February 14, 2012:** Chairman Asti asked if there were any changes to the minutes. There being no changes a motion was made by Commissioner Ton and seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to approve the minutes from February 14, 2012.

All present voting aye.

The motion was approved and the minutes were accepted.

4. **Public Hearing #117-Demolition by Neglect for property located at 1405 Madison Avenue:** Rhea Tannehill is present today to give an update on the property. Mr.

Tannehill reported there is a contract on the house. Chase Bank will not have to answer until mid April and it's not guaranteed they will answer then. The buyer is using Jay Hughes as his attorney.

The second (2nd) mortgages and leans are being worked out.

Mr. Tannehill isn't sure if this will be resolved in 30 days. Commissioner Asti would like to go ahead and schedule a return in 30 days for an update.

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie to postpone for 30 days. Commissioner Hyneman seconded and the motion passes.

5. **Public Hearing #165-Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 502 North Lamar** Billy Morrow is present today representing Graves Oil. Mr. Morrow is requesting a COA for a sign. The sign is a free standing sign and does meet code requirements. It is monument style. Randy Barber commented the sign is appropriate for the Historical aspect of Oxford.

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 Best seconded the motion.

All present voting Aye

The motion passes for a Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 502 North Lamar.

6. **Public Hearing#166-Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 299 S. 9th Street-** Edye Conkerton is present today representing Blackacre LLC. Ms. Conkerton is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 299 S. 9th Street.

Ms. Conkerton informed the Commission this is this Walker Building. It sits in between 2 residences. The goal for this building is to soften the look and make it look more like the other buildings around town. Commissioner Ton commented this building is an old building and this Commission was established to help preserve buildings like this. Ms. Conkerton commented this is a non-contributing building.

Discussion was made concerning the building and fire code. If this exact same building was built today, it would not meet fire code.

Discussion was also made regarding the building and how it doesn't fit in with the other buildings in Oxford. Commissioner Telford commented he likes the proposed updates. The updates are in line with the community and it will also give value to the community. The building will have an older style Chicago brick and the will be an addition added. The side of the building will be painted.

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 Telford seconded the motion.

All present voting Aye

The motion passes for a Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 299 South Lamar Blvd.

General Discussion

Commissioner Asti discussed the Ordinance that pertains to the house owned by First Baptist Church that was recently demolished. Commissioner Asti commented this Ordinance needs to be revised so that the Public Safety Section has exclusions so this situation doesn't happen again. Commissioner Asti asked for an Amendment to be drawn up. This amendment will have to go before the Board of Aldermen.

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