

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Be it remembered that the Oxford Historic Preservation Commission did meet in special session on Tuesday, April 26, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall courtroom with the following members present:

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

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

The following Commissioners were absent:

Jeff Asti, Chairman
Camp Best

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

All present voting aye.

The agenda was approved.

3. **Public Hearing #117-Demolition by Neglect for property located at 1405 Madison Avenue:** Jay Hughes is present today representing the prospective owners. The house is now owned by Chase bank. There is a standing offer so the wait begins to see if the offer is accepted. This case will be continued until the next meeting.
4. **Public Hearing #167-Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 520 N. 14th Street;** Corey Alger is present today representing Jay Hughes. Mr. Alger is requesting to a COA for modification to property. The house is currently two (2) bedrooms and one (1) bath. A second bathroom will be added with a playroom upstairs. The vinyl will be removed. If the wood underneath is in good condition it will be repaired if necessary and painted, if not Hardie board will replace the vinyl. The original windows will remain.

An addition will be added to the back of the house. The side porch will be taken off and one will be added to the rear of the house. A dormer will be added to the North side of the house.

Discussion was made regarding the dormer. Mr. Alger explained it is under a tree line and not visible from the street.

A motion was made by Commissioner Swaney to approve the COA with a condition that if the wood siding requires replacing Hardie board will be used. Commissioner Ton seconded and the motion passes.

All present voting Aye.

The motion passes to approve the COA.

5. **Public Hearing #168-Certificate of Appropriateness for property St. Peter's Cemetary located on North 16th Street:** Randy Russell appeared before the Commission to request a COA on behalf of the City of Oxford. A maintenance building at St. Peters Cemetery was expanded. The expansion was completed and was approved by the Board of Aldermen.

Will Lewis is present to disagree with the changes that were made. Mr. Lewis thinks the building is ugly and disrespectful.

A motion was made by Commissioner Swaney to table the case until the next meeting. A meeting with the City Attorney, Pope Mallette and the Mayor will be set up to see what options are. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.

All present voting Aye

This case will be tabled until the regular scheduled meeting on May 8th.

6. **Public Hearing#169-Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 1405 Pierce Avenue-** Annie Zeleskey and Brittany Zeleskey are present today representing 'Z' Oxford, LLC. The 'Z' is requesting to expand the front porch to the east and west with a proposed column on each corner of the existing porch. The same shingles will be used, but the roof will have a slant for the rain to run off.

The pitch of the roof was discussed and Virginia Pence informed them it will have more pitch than they are expecting.

A motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie to table the case to allow the applicants to meet with their builder and know exactly what materials are going to be used and also provide a better sketch and come back next month. Commissioner Ton seconded the motion

All present voting Aye.

The case was table until the regular meeting scheduled for May 8th.

Preliminary Conference

Jeff Williams is present today for PLC Partners, LLC for property located at 1005 S. 16th Street. This development will consist of 11 rental units on two (2) acres of land. The units will be 2-story, 3 or 4 bedroom, with a garage underneath and two (2) additional parking spaces for each unit. There will be four (4) different facades so it will look like a neighborhood.

Some of the existing trees will remain. The developer is working around several large oak trees. Discussion was made regarding the area becoming predominantly rental. The questioned was asked if there has to be 11 units and Mr. Williams stated this is what the developer has asked for. Ms. Pence suggested a split entrance with vegetation in the median of the street for a more smooth transition and to soften the entrance. Also, Ms. Pence suggested access from Oxford Place.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ton to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.