

Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting—October 26, 2021

Present: Mitch Alligood, Jane Camp, Fay Brassie, Elizabeth Jones, Susan Brown

Absent: None

Staff: Patrick Kelley, Director of Code

Visitors: Ramsey Ray, Rita Dickenson, Matthew Jones, Shawn & Heather Roseland, Antonio Granados, Kevin Hess, Wendy Cooper

Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Chairman Alligood asked if there were any changes or corrections to the previous months' minutes.
To approve as submitted.

Motion by Brassie. Second by Brown
Motion carried.

The First Item of Business: Request for COA #313, a request for exterior changes including porches, siding, windows, and roof materials at 511 S Madison Ave. The applicant, Matthew Jones, owner of said property, spoke on behalf of the project. He would like to keep the aesthetics and feel of the house the same. The windows need replacing and the porch's metal roof and brick columns need repair. The staircases leading to the house also need to be replaced. The brick on the house is currently painted green and he would like to add a smear to the brick and possibly paint it gray.

Commissioner Jones requested each item be discussed separately. Chairman Alligood asked what kind of windows would be used. Matthew Jones replied 2/2. Brassie stated their main concern was consistency and Matthew Jones confirmed all of the windows would be the same. Brown commented her mother grew up in that house and that the existing 2/1 windows are original. Matthew Jones agreed to putting in 2/1 windows.

Matthew Jones is also going to restore the original door and replace the glass in the transom window. In reference to the porches, Matthew Jones stated If the brick posts are repairable, they will be fixed. The brick staircases will be repaired with new brick where needed.

Commissioner Jones stated there is not a precedent for brick smear in the area. It would be adding a decorative treatment that was not there originally. Brassie suggested just painting the brick. Matthew Jones agreed to just paint the foundation and replace bricks as needed. In regards to the siding, Matthew Jones asked to replace the siding on the rear of the house with Hardieplank and use the rear siding to replace rotten boards around the rest of the exterior.

Chairman Alligood asked if there were any questions from the public: none

To approve as presented

Motion by Brassie, Seconded by Camp
Motion carried

The Second Item of Business: Request for COA #314, a request to add a greenhouse addition to an accessory structure at 602 E Church St. The applicant, Rita Dickenson, on behalf of Monroe Country Day School, spoke in favor of the project. On the property, behind the school, is a cinder block building built by the Boy Scouts in the 1950s. Dickenson would like to build a greenhouse/outdoor classroom on the back of the cinder block building. The addition would extend towards Davis Street. The roof would match the existing roof and would be hidden from view (Church Street).

Chairman Alligood asked if there were any questions: None

Chairman Alligood asked if there were any public comments: none

To approve as submitted

Motion by Brassie. Second by Jones
Motion carried

The Third Item of Business: Request for COA #315, a request for a fence at 249 Boulevard. The applicant Christopher Ray, owner of said property, spoke on behalf of the project. Ray is requesting a fence in the rear of the property to keep his dogs in the yard.

Chairman Alligood asked if there were any public comments: none

To approve as presented

Motion by Jones. Second by Brassie
Motion carried

The Fourth Item of Business: Request for COA #312, a request for installing a fence and gutters, removing the existing carport, and adding a detached garage at 615 E Church St. The applicants Shawn and Heather Roseland, owners of said property, spoke in favor of the project. Shawn Roseland explained they would like add a rear fence in an open picket style to contain their dogs, install gutters along the side and back of the house, and enclose the carport to make a garage.

Brassie expressed concern regarding the location of the garage. She feels bringing it that far forward would close off the rear of the house. Roseland stated they wanted to bring the garage forward to create a courtyard and more useable space in the backyard. Currently, the backyard is mostly taken up by the driveway. The garage would mimic the style of the house and current carport/carriage house. Roseland agreed not to place the garage past the first rear projection of the house so that the garage does not hide the U shape of the rear of the house.

Roseland amended his application to include a request to build a covered walkway/portico between the new garage and the house.

Chairman Alligood asked if there were any public comments: None

To approve with the amendment:

Motion by Camp. Second by Brassie
Motion carried

The Fifth Item of Business: Request for COA #317, a new wall sign for the restaurant Tacos N Beer at 116 N. Broad St. The applicant is Antonio Granados, owner of the restaurant.

Chairmen Alligood noted his one concern that the sign on the building resembled a marijuana leaf. Granados offered to remove the leaf and replace it with something else. He showed the Commission an alternate sign design.

Brassie suggested due to the architectural features of the building, a taller narrower sign might look better on the building. Granados noted the alternative design he showed the Commission Members was narrower than the proposed sign.

To approve the alternative sign

Motion by Jones. Second by Brown
Motion carried

Old Business

The First Item of Old Business: Historic Survey Update by Jones: Myself, Crista, Laura, and Sadie met with WLA Studios for a kickoff meeting. There will be a letter given to homeowners that explained the project.

The Second Item of Old Business: Drafting a letter that can be sent to property owners who are in violation of the historic preservation ordinance.

New Business: Citizen Question: What protection is there against houses being torn down in the Historic District, particularly those along Church Street?

Chairman Alligood: All requests for demolition have to go before the Commission. If a demolition request is denied, the applicant can appeal to City Council.

Chairman Alligood entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Jones. Second by Brassie
Motion carried. Adjourned at 6:52 pm