

Historic Preservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting—December 21, 2023

Present: Fay Brassie, Laura Powell, Elizabeth Jones

Absent: Marc Hammes, Jane Camp

Staff: Brad Callender, City Planner  
Laura Wilson, Code Admin

Visitors: Daniel South

Meeting called to order at 6:01 P.M.

Motion to approve agenda as submitted

Motion Powell, Second Brassie  
Motion carried

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

Motion by Brassie, Second by Powell  
Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

**The First Item of New Business:** Request for COA #2824, a request for a fence with a gate and columns at 331 N. Broad St. The property owner, Daniel South spoke in favor of the request. The request is for a wrought iron fence as well as a section of fencing made out of cedar planks. The fence would meet up with the existing fencing at 321 N. Broad St. The cedar privacy fence will run along the W. Marable side the property; beginning just past the driveway. The cedar fence will be made up of horizontal planks 1x6x16. It will be a solid fence. The gate for the fence will be located approximately thirty feet from the street along N. Broad St.

Note: Due to the streetscape improvement project done by the city, the fence section along N. Broad St will temporarily be located 30 feet closer to the house than depicted. Once the streetscape project is finished, the fence will be moved closer to the road.

Chairman Jones read out loud sections of the preservation primer related to new construction to begin the discussion of the fence. Commissioner Brassie is concerned about the proposed height of the fence (84 inches) and how it will look next to the 60-inch fence next door at 321 N. Broad St; the proposed fence will look out of scale and proportion. Her other concern is the proposed gate because it is closed and appears to be made out of recycled wood. Commissioner Powell is concerned about the change in topography along N. Broad St and that a seven-foot fence on top of the raised retaining wall will look even larger.

South: My house sits closer to the road than Paul's (321 N. Broad St) and a smaller fence will look out of scale with my house.

Commissioner Brassie: A higher fence will make it look like a fortification. You go lower to get a grand view of

the house; so the house will look more important than the fence. The fence needs to be shorter to go with the neighborhood.

Motion to approve as with conditions: An open rail wrought iron gate with a wrought iron fence not to exceed 6ft in height along N. Broad St. (The gate will match the design of the proposed fence or look like the gate at 321 N. Broad St with the scroll design). The fence along the back and sides of the property can be up 84 inches and the cedar plank privacy fence is approved as discussed

Motion by Brassie, Second by Powell  
Motion carried

Motion to adjourn

Motion by Powell, Second by Brassie  
Motion carried

Adjourned at 6:28 pm