



MINUTES
Thomasville Historic Preservation Commission
City Council Chambers
7003 Ball Park Road
Tuesday, March 28, 2023

The Thomasville Historic Preservation Commission meeting was held at the City Council Chambers on March 28, 2023.

Members Present: Chairman, Jill Simpson (voted in at this meeting). Members: Marybeth Ford, Steve Teglas, Jennifer Mayhall, and Amanda Cox. Staff member: Chuck George, City Attorney, Misti Whitman, and City Council Liaison, Lisa Edwards.

Members Absent: Katheryn Byrnes

1. Call to Order

Staff, Chuck George called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

2. Elect a new Chairman and a new Vice Chairman

City Council Liaison, Lisa Shell made a nomination to elect Jill Simpson for Chairman. It was brought to the attention of the Commission that the nomination for election of officers has to be made by a member of the Commission.

Marybeth Ford made a nomination to elect Jill Simpson for Chairman. Amanda Cox seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Jill Simpson made a nomination to elect Marybeth Ford as Vice Chairman. Steve Teglas seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Chairman, Jill Simpson declared a quorum.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Jill Simpson asked Marybeth Ford if she wanted to take the minutes for this meeting in the absence of Secretary, Katheryn Byrnes. Marybeth agreed.

3. Approval of Minutes of February 28, 2023

Jill asked for a motion to approve the minutes of February 28, 2023.

Chuck George made a correction to the minutes via Kathryn Barnes: Casey Gardner did not vote in favor of the COA, he voted against it.

Marybeth Ford made several suggestions for changes to the minutes of February 28, 2023. Misty Whitman advised Marybeth that she could not request any changes as she was not present at that meeting. It was suggested that this matter be tabled until April 23, 2023. Jill Simpson made a Motion to table this matter until April 23, 2023. Amanda Cox seconded the Motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

4. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness (Public Hearing)

COA 23-06

Applicant: Signage Industries

Property Owner: Baptist Children's Home

Location: 417 West Main Street

Colonial Drive School Historic District

To install a sign on the property of the existing house, a structure for BCH to designate the location as part of the BCH.

City Attorney, Misti Whitman swore in Melody Christy, representative of Signage Industries, Scott Ford, John Kruse and Staff, Chuck George.

STAFF REPORT PRESENTED BY CHUCK GEORGE:

Staff finds that the proposed signage is consistent with the design standard; recommends that, based on the preceding comments, the commission grants a COA to Signage Industries Corporation for the installation of signage at 417 W. Main Street, located in the Colonial Drive School District.

The Standards recommend constructing new signs with traditional materials (wood, stone, metal) and non-illuminated.

Based on the preceding comments, staff has determined the proposed signage to conform to the design standards of the Historic Preservation Commission. It will not negatively affect the architectural and historical integrity of the properties of the streetscape in the Colonial Drive School Historic District.

No one was present **IN OPPOSITION** to the COA presented.

THPC COMMISSION MEMBERS DISCUSSION.

Marybeth Ford mentioned that the sign has already been in place. This is more an asking for forgiveness rather than permission but supports the COA.

FINDING OF FACTS:

Marybeth Ford made a motion for Finding of Facts:

“I move that, based upon the evidence that has been presented in the application and during the public hearing, the Commission finds that, if constructed according to the plans reviewed at this meeting, the proposed project is consistent with the character of the Colonial Drive School Historic District and is acceptable.

Jill Mayhall seconded the motion. None opposed. All in favor. Motion carried.

COA DECISION:

Marybeth Ford made a motion for a COA Decision:

“Based on the Finding of Facts, I move that the Commission **GRANT** the COA to Signage Industries for the property at 417 West Main Street.

Amanda Cox seconded the motion. None opposed. All in favor. Motion carried.

COA 23-07

Applicant/Owner: John Kruse

Location: 101 Jones Avenue

Colonial Drive School Historic District

To install a roof over the deck and steps

STAFF REPORT PRESENTED BY CHUCK GEORGE:

Staff finds that the proposed covered-over deck and steps are consistent with the design standard; to construct with traditional materials.

Based on the preceding comments, staff has determined the proposed covered-over deck and steps to conform to the design standards of the Historic Preservation Commission. It will not negatively affect the architectural and historical integrity of the properties of the streetscape in the Colonial Drive School Historic District.

John Kruse spoke **IN SUPPORT** of the COA.

Scott Ford spoke **IN OPPOSITION** to the COA presented.

John Kruse rebutted the above.

THPC COMMISSION MEMBERS DISCUSSION.

Marybeth Ford presented a picture taken at the property. Directed members to refer to pages 35 and 36 of the THPC Standards. Stating that this is not acceptable.

Jennifer Mayhall directed members to refer to page 52 of the THPC Standards. Stating that this is acceptable.

FINDING OF FACTS:

Jennifer Mayhall made a motion for Finding of Facts:

“I move that, based upon the evidence that has been presented in the application and during the public hearing, the Commission finds that, if constructed according to the plans reviewed at this meeting, the proposed project is consistent with the character of the

Colonial Drive School Historic District is consistent with the standards, being compatible with the architectural style.

Amanda Cox seconded the motion. One opposed. Three in favor. Motion carried.

COA DECISION:

Jennifer Mayhall made a motion for a COA Decision:

“Based on the Finding of Facts, I move that the Commission **GRANT** the COA to John Kruse for the property at 101 Jones Avenue.

Amanda Cox seconded the motion. One opposed. Three in favor. Motion carried.

5. Staff Report

Chuck George doesn't have anything at this time.

Looking for Commission Member applications. We currently have 3 open spots.

6. Committee Reports

- a. Finance Report**
- b. Sales: Books and index**

Steve Teglas presents that there is no change.

Marybeth Ford asked for actual numbers on all bank accounts for the next meeting. Steve is having some issues with Pinnacle Bank. The City needs to sign off on replacing Jennifer Gardner with Steve Teglas.

7. New Business

Jill Simpson will update Facebook page.

Meet and Greet is April 24, 2023 at 6PM at the Women's Club.

Marybeth Ford made a motion to approve to pay up to \$400.00 toward lighting on the USPS flagpole. It was requested that Steve Teglas obtain a proposal/invoice. Jennifer Mayhall seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Marybeth Ford made a motion to approve paying up to \$300.00 for food from Elizabeth's Pizza from the Request for Funds from City Council for the Meet and Greet. Jennifer Mayhall seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Chuck will mail a flyer with a QR code.

Jill will add it to our Facebook.

Jill will reach out to Cameron about advertising our event in the Beautification newsletter.

Marybeth will contact Keith Tobin at the Tville Chamber of Commerce about advertising our event on their sign.

8. Other Business

April 1, 2023 Jill and Jennifer will represent the THPC at the Blyth Leonard History event. 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

April 25, 2023 at 10:30 AM – Baptist Children’s Home invitation to the Emmanuel Home Dedication at 507 Blackwell Blvd., Thomasville, NC 27360.

Discussion among members as to other events that our commission can get involved in. Lisa Shell strongly suggests that we get moving as a commission as we wouldn’t want our commission dissolved.

Jill discussed short- and long-term goals as a commission.

May is dedicated to National Preservation Month. Also known as Historic Preservation Month. Discussion on possibly having the Mayor include a Proclamation in the water bill.

Memorial Day Parade was discussed. Lisa Shell will ask Hunter Thrift about us applying for a spot in the parade. Jill would like to have the new banner done by then.

Discussion of getting copies of the THPC Design Standards in the hands of local realtors.

Discussion of adding a list of historic properties to the Historic Landmarks.

Discussion of getting involved with the Beautification Committee.

Discussion of a Historic Walk in the future.

9. Next Meeting

a. The next meeting of the Thomasville Historic Preservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

b. The deadline for COA applications is 5:00 p.m., on April 7, 2023, at 5 PM.

10. Adjournment

Marybeth Ford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Amanda Cox seconded the Motion, All in Favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Marybeth Ford.

/s/ Marybeth Ford
Vice Chairman acting as
fill in Secretary for Kathryn Barnes