

Minutes
Thomasville Historic Preservation Commission
City Council Chambers
20 Stadium Drive
Tuesday 27 June 2023 – 6:30 P.M.

The Thomasville Historic Preservation Commission meeting was held at the City Council Chambers on Tuesday 27 June 2023 at 6:36 P.M.

Members Present: Jill Simpson, Mary Sullivan, Steve Teglas, Katheryn Byrnes, Keith Ratliff, and Amanda Cox.

Staff Member: Chuck George. City Attorney: Missy Whitman. City Council Liaison: Lisa Shell.

Members Absent: Jennifer Mayhall and Marybeth Ford

1. Call To Order

Jill Simpsonsone called the meeting to order at 1831

2. Approval of Minutes

Amanda Cox made a motion to approve the May Minutes. Katheryn Byrnes seconded. All Approved. No one opposed. Motion Passed.

3. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness (Public Hearing)

COA-23-14

Applicant/Owner: Diana Miller

Location: 407 Haywood Street

Request to add a lean to the back of the house

Swore in by Misit Whitman:

Chuck George

Diana Miller

Staff Report:

The roof was removed due to the age of the roof. The lean would be built in the same location with 2x6 wood rafter with clean cover to be an outside porch/living room.

Per the design standards on page 52-53 the addition is not seen from the street. The staff proposed that the COA is consistent with the design standards.

Support:

Diana got up and said that her COA and photos show all that she has to say.

Opposition:

No one was in opposition.

Committee Discussion:

Amanda said that there was no issue as the staff report showed it can't be seen from the street and does not affect the integrity of the house.

Amanda made a motion of finding of facts for the COA as it is consistent with the colonial district because the rear of the house is not seen by the street. Katheryn Seconded. All Approved. No one opposed. Motion Passed.

Katheryn made a motion to approve the COA based on the above finding of facts. Amanda seconded. All Approved. No one opposed. Motion Passed.

4. Staff Report

Marybeth officially has resigned. She sent in a resignation email to Hunter and Chuck.

5. Committee Reports

Finances were the same as the past meeting.

6. Other Business

Katheryn made a motion to vote in Amanda Cox as the new Vice Chairperson. Steve Seconded. All Approved. No one opposed. Motion Passed.

Everybody Day is Saturday September 23. We will have a booth and take shifts at the booth. We will make and pass out candy bags for the kids.

October 28 - Saturday is the Fall Festival by Revealing at the Women's Club

We are going to do a historical / ghost tour downtown, called Murder and Mayham. Working on getting buses to drive participants from the Women's Club to downtown. We would start at the clock tower. We need to reach out to Wayne Underwood, Raleigh York, and Pat Shelton to help lead tours. Not sure of the cost.

September 9 - Saturday

Have another meet n greet in the morning 9am - 11am.

Steve will reach out to Poppies Waffle to get a price for catering

October Other Events

Oct 7th - Pink Day

Murder Mystery

Pace will have a shrimp boil

Preservation NC Conference in Durham is happening Oct 4-6th (Wednesday to Friday)

<https://www.presnc.org/2023-annual-conference-schedule/>

http://www.presnc.org/store_category/tickets/

7. Next Meeting

The Commission next meeting will be held on Tuesday 29 August 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers on Stadium Drive.

The deadline for COA applications will be on Friday 4 August 2023 at 5 p.m.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1922.

Minutes submitted by Katheryn Byrnes.

Katheryn Byrnes
Secretary

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June 27, 2023

Wendy Martin
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Dear Wendy:

I regret to inform you that this letter will serve as my resignation as the Vice Chairman and member of the Thomasville Historic Preservation Commission.

It has been a pleasure to serve over the past several years, but this Commission is going in a direction in which I am not willing to participate.

I took an oath on two occasions to: "I, MARYBETH FORD, do solemnly swear that I will well and truly execute the duties of the office of board member of the Historic Commission for the City of Thomasville according to the best of my skill and ability, *according to law*, so help me God."

Historic preservation is extremely important to me. Hence, the reason Scott and I purchased the Hoover House. So many wanted it to be demolished. This house was left vacant for 25 +/- years and it is now alive and absolutely gorgeous thanks to my husband, Scott Ford's hard work. All work has been completed according to the Standards and submission of COA's that would pass any scrutiny.

It seems as if I am the only one on the Commission who challenges COA's, when they do not meet the current Standards. Some types of loopholes are found by others to grant COA's, that have no business being granted and do not follow our adopted Standards whatsoever. There has been some dishonest testimony given under oath at a number of these government meetings, which I cannot be a part of.

This Commission has allowed houses to be demolished that were clearly salvageable. The Commission has allowed numerous exceptions that are

inconsistent with our Standards. There have been conflicts of interest that should have been acknowledged on more than one occasion.

I was never on this Commission for personal gain. This does not seem to be the case for other members. I value my integrity and must resign.

I would be willing to serve on this Commission in the future should the mindset of other members be in the interest of actual preservation and rehabilitation.

Respectfully,

/s/ Marybeth Ford

Marybeth Ford