

MINUTES
Thomasville Historic Preservation Commission
City Council Chambers
7003 Ball Park Road
Tuesday, March 29, 2022

March 29, 2022, meeting of the Thomasville Historic Preservation Commission was held at the City Council Chambers.

Members Present: Chairman, Scott Ford. Members: Marybeth Ford, Jill Simpson, Casey Gardner, Jennifer Gardner, Steve Teglas and Dean Freeman. Staff member: Chuck George. City Attorney, Misty Whitman and City Council Liaison: Lisa Shell

Absent Members: Lisa Edwards

1. Call to Order

Chairman, Scott Ford called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Casey Gardner made a motion to approve the minutes of February 22, 2022. Steve Teglas seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

3. Swearing in of New Members

City Attorney, Misty Whitman swore in new members, Dean Freeman and Steve Teglas. Other members to be sworn in, not present

4. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness (Public Hearing)

All speakers were sworn in by Misty Whitman.

(Application No.: CAO-22-02)

Property Owner/Applicant: Kimberly Ramp

Address: 110 Jones Avenue

Request: Request to replace deteriorated oversized, slick-faced brick retaining wall with dry stack block wall and add six feet vinyl or composite privacy fence above the retaining wall. Replace the existing wood fence to match the proposed fence.

Colonial School Historic District

Staff Report: Staff finds that the application is Inconsistent with the character of the Colonial Drive School Historic District design standards.

The Historic Preservation Design Standards state that if a historic wall or fence is missing, replace it to match the original, based upon documentary evidence, or replace it with a compatible new fence or wall. Design new walls and fences that are compatible in material, height, scale, pattern, and detail with the character of the property or district. Design new walls and fences in configurations and locations that are compatible with the character of the building, landmark site, or district. If needed, introduce contemporary utilitarian fences, constructed of traditional materials, only in the rear and rear-side and locations of residential properties where they do not compromise the historic character of the building, site, or district.

The design standard states that the use of fencing materials such as wood is compatible with the historic districts character.

Staff finds the proposed work to be inconsistent with the design guidelines of the Historic Preservation Commission. It will negatively affect the architectural and historical integrity of the streetscape properties in the Colonial Drive School District.

Public comment in favor of COA: Kimberly Ramp, Chris Ball and Brian Smith, all seeking approval to use alternate materials to rebuild wall and fence.

Public comment against COA: None

Public testimony concluded.

Open for discussion from the commission members.

Marybeth Ford made a motion to continue the COA Application for Kimberly Ramp for the property at 110 Jones Avenue to allow time to meet with the design standard committee and applicant's contractor. Scott Ford seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

(Application No.: CAO-22-03)

Property Owner/Applicant: Baptist Children's Homes of NC

Address: 417 West Main Street

Request: Request to replace cedar shake siding with Hardie Board shake siding

Staff Report: Staff finds that the application is inconsistent with the character of the Colonial Drive School Historic District design standards.

The Historic Preservation Design Standards state it is not appropriate to replace or cover over historic siding with a contemporary substitute – such as aluminum, vinyl, or fiber-reinforced cement board because it compromises the architectural character of the historic buildings. To replace damaged or deteriorated historic walls and wall features using recognized preservation methods appropriate to the specific material. Replace in kind historic walls and wall

features that are too deteriorated to repair, taking care to match the original in design, material, dimension, configuration, pattern, texture, and detail.

Based on the preceding comments, staff has determined the proposed request to be inconsistent with the design standards of the Historic Preservation Commission. It will negatively affect the architectural and historical integrity of the properties of the streetscape in the Colonial Drive Historic District.

Public comment in favor of COA: Sam Bearfoot and Adam Litwin, Contractor, all seeking approval to replace cedar shake siding with Hardie Board shake siding

Public comment against COA: None

Public testimony concluded.

Open for discussion from the commission members.

Marybeth Ford made a motion to continue the COA Application for Baptist Children's Homes of NC for the property at 417 W. Main Street to allow the applicant to come back with a new proposal and/or meet with the design standard committee. Casey Gardner seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

5. Presentation

Lamont McCauley with Hornet's Nest presented his desire for Church Street School site.

6. Staff Report

No staff report.

7. Committee Reports

Financial Report –Treasurer, Casey Gardner reported that there was no new activity. CD has a current value of \$2,306.67 with a .15% interest rate.

Sales -- No book sales. Tourism has not ordered additional books.

8. Other Business

City Council Liaison, Lisa Shell shared about the "Hello Thomasville" event. Lisa Shell also mentioned that we need to start posting on our Facebook to get out committee recognized in our community.

Marybeth Ford shared that Chairman, Scott Ford attended an interview with City Council as far as the Application for Outside Agency Funds.

Marybeth Ford shared about attending the reception for release of Austin Hill's new book "Images of America ~~ Thomasville"

Marybeth asked about forming a new Design Standards Committee, which will now consist of Scott Ford, Jill Simpson, and Casey Gardner.

Marybeth Ford thanked Casey Gardner for his input on the COA Meeting Guide. It will now be finalized.

Marybeth Ford reminded members of the upcoming CLG training in June. The topic is Resiliency & Disaster Training on June 2 and June 16, 2022. Be on the lookout for additional information.

9. Next Meeting

a. The next meeting of the Thomasville Historic Preservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

b. The deadline for COA applications is 5:00 p.m., on April 4, 2022, at 5 PM.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Marybeth Ford

/s/ Marybeth Ford