

MINUTES
Thomasville Historic Preservation Commission
City Council Chambers
7003 Ball Park Road
Tuesday, October 26, 2021

The October 26, 2021, meeting of the Thomasville Historic Preservation Commission was held at the City Council Chambers.

Members Present: Chairman, Scott Ford. Members: David Yemm, Marybeth Ford, Lisa Edwards, Mary Sullivan, Jill Simpson, Casey Gardner, Jennifer Gardner, and Steve Teglas. Staff members: Chuck George and City Attorney, Misty Whitman.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes

Jill Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes of September 28, 2021. Lisa Edwards seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

3. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness (Public Hearing)

A. Case No.: COA 21-07

Property Owner: Baptist Children's Home of NC, Inc.

Applicant: Sam Barefoot

Location: 417 W. Main Street

Colonial Drive School Historic District

Request new deck addition on East side of house and replace wooden one-over-one windows.

No conflicts among members.

Misty Whitman swore in staff and public speaker, Sam Barefoot

Staff presented report –

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

Decks are recommended behind the principal structure with limited visibility from the street. Screen the structural framing for decks with lattice, foundation plantings, or other compatible screening material.

Windows are to retain and preserve for character-defining features such as imperfections found in historic glass result in slight distortions that add character to historic windows. The design standard should repair damaged or deteriorated windows to match the original in materials and configuration. All repairs should be made using recognized preservation methods.

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 speaker FOR: Sam Barefoot
Public speakers AGAINST: None

Public hearing closed by Chairman.

Committee members discussion.

Casey Gardner made a motion for Finding of Facts. 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 not incongruous with the character of the Colonial Drive School Historic District under the following conditions: the deck profile does not extend out further than the house extension when viewed from Main Street. David Yemm seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

David Yemm made a motion for COA Decision. Granting the COA at 417 W. Colonial Drive based on and subject however to the Finding of Facts previously stated. Mary Sullivan seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

B. Case No.: COA 21-08

Property Owner/Applicant: Luis Amaya

Location: 204 Loftin Street

Colonial Drive School Historic District

Request new front porch addition, and bedroom addition on backside of house.

No conflicts among members.

Misty Whitman swore in public speaker, Luis Amaya and translator, Genesis Amaya

Staff presented report –

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

Porches are such character-defining features of historic buildings, should take great care to preserve them. It is not acceptable to add porches, entrances, or balconies based on conjectural or

insufficient historical, pictorial, or physical documentation that create a false sense of history or historical development for the site of the structure.

Addition - Design to be compatible in materials, scale, proportions, and details. To be consistent in massing, roof form, height, and overall harmony. The exterior finishes are compatible with the original building in composition, module, pattern, texture, color, and detail. The design of window and door openings are compatible with the window and doors of the historic building-room addition to being in locations that are not visible from the street.

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 speaker FOR: Luis Amaya and translator, Genesis Amaya
Public speakers AGAINST: None

Public hearing closed by Chairman.

Committee members discussion.

Casey Gardner made a motion for Finding of Facts. 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 not incongruous with the character of the Colonial Drive School Historic District as it pertains to the bedroom addition on the backside of the house. As it pertains to the request for new front porch addition, the commission finds it incongruous with the character of the Colonial Drive School Historic District. The commission suggests that the Owner/Applicant set a meeting with Design Review Committee and can revisit front porch addition matter at a later date. Jennifer Gardner seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

David Yemm made a motion for COA Decision. Granting the COA at 204 Loftin Street, subject however to the conditions specified in the Finding of Facts as previously stated. Lisa Edwards seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

4. Staff Report

None at this time.

5. Committee Reports

Financial Report – Jennifer Gardener reported that the checking account has \$1,542.30, the CD has \$2,302.07. The CD will come for renewal in December 2021. The only check that was written this past month was to the Thomasville Habitat For Humanity for the books sold at Everybody's day. We now have online banking.

No book sales. Tourism has not ordered additional books.

6. Other Business

Scott Ford read the Committee Requirements to the entire Commission members received from City Clerk, Wendy S. Martin. Scott will sign, date, and return to Wendy S. Martin.

Jennifer Gardner passed around a sample of a THPC Cookbook asking if there was interest in having it as a fundraiser. Discussion of having a presentation ready to present to City Council by the end of January requesting additional funds for the THPC. Steve Teglas will head up a committee for fundraisers. Committee will consist of Steve Teglas, Scott Ford, Jill Simpson, and Casey Gardner.

Casey Gardner made a motion to rollover the CD and renew it by December. Scott Ford seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Jill Simpson shared about the Southport, NC “Faces of Burying Ground” and may be a good idea for THPC. Nate Walker would be a wealth of information.

Marybeth Ford requested suggestions, deletions, corrections and/or additions to the newly typed COA Meeting Guide, and report back next month.

Marybeth Ford requested suggestions, deletions, corrections and/or additions to the THPC pamphlet that Chuck George gave us in September, and report back next month.

7. Next Meeting

a. The next meeting of the Thomasville Historic Preservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

b. The deadline for COA applications is 5:00 p.m., on November 1, 2021.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Marybeth Ford

/s/ Marybeth Ford