

MINUTES
Thomasville Historic Preservation Commission
City Council Chambers
7003 Ball Park Road
Tuesday, September 28, 2021

The September 28, 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, 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 6:33 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Jill Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes of August 30, 2021. David Yemm seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

3. Oath of Office

City Attorney, Misty Whitman swore in Steve Teglas and he was sworn in as a new member of the Commission.

4. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness (Public Hearing)

A. Case No.: COA 21-06

Property Owner: James & Lori Suggs

Applicant: James Suggs

Location: 11 Finch Avenue

Colonial Drive School Historic District

Request to add two columns to support front porch, driveway improvements, and landscaping improvements.

No conflicts among members.

Misty Whitman swore in staff and public speakers

Staff presented report –

Staff finds that the proposed exterior alterations to the front porch not acceptable to add wood pose that creates a false sense of history to the structure.

Expanding the width of the driveway with concrete and to reduce the slope to be acceptable being located off the side street in the rear yard.

Planting boxwood next to Jones Ave. to be compatible with the characteristic of the district.

Public speaker FOR: James Suggs

Public speakers AGAINST: None

Public hearing closed by Chairman.

Committee members discussion: Columns to be square or tapered; Driveway no objection amongst members; shrubs up against the house vs. at curb.

David Yemm made a motion for Finding of Facts. Find it consistent with the character of the Colonial Drive School Historic District under the following conditions: columns to be wood square or tapered. Marybeth Ford seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

David Yemm made a motion for COA Decision. Granting the COA at 11 Finch Avenue, based and subject to the above Finding of Facts. Casey Gardner seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

5. Staff Report

Discussion on CLE/training requirements; Chuck will re-e-mail the links to the 3 videos. Deadline to submit the analysis is September 30, 2021.

Staff shared a pamphlet from the past and discussion if we want to revamp it and mail out to all historic home addresses. Staff will take care of mailing.

6. Committee Reports

Financial Report – Scott Ford reported to his knowledge no additional changes to the balance in checking since last month. Jennifer Gardner reported that \$74.00 was made at Everybody's Day. David Yemm advised Jennifer Gardner that \$30.00 needed to be paid to the Thomasville Habitat for Humanity.

No book sales. Tourism has not ordered additional books.

7. Other Business

Casey Gardner asked about 219 West Main Street and asking when they have to complete the work requested in their COA. A follow-up to the residents at the 6-month point.

Jennifer Gardner said there was an inquiry on the Facebook requesting information on Mor Furniture at 20 Peace Street. Discussion ensued.

Marybeth Ford shared the newly typed COA Meeting Guide with the members asking to look over, make any corrections, additions, deletions, etc., and report back next month.

Jennifer Gardner shared that the Rotary Club will be donating a tin type from 1922.

Marybeth Ford introduced new owners to 117 Salem Street, Dean Freeman.

Jill Simpson shared about the HPOweb. Shows all historic districts in NC.

Marybeth Ford shared about the 46th Annual October Tour in Salisbury, NC.

8. Next Meeting

a. The next meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

b. The deadline for COA applications is 5:00 p.m., on October 4, 2021.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Marybeth Ford

/s/ Marybeth Ford