

BOARD OF HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

MINUTES

Citizen Services Center | Council Chambers 3111
Citizens Way Columbus, GA
August 14, 2023 | 3:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM

Board members In attendance: Fran Carpenter (Acting Chair), Shea Spencer, Toney Johnson, Emily Flourney, Alex Griggs, Jennifer Lamb, Tyler Pritchard, Jack Jenkins, Libby Smith

Board Members Absent: Mollie Smith

Staff: Rex Wilkinson (CCG) and Allison Slocum (RVRC)

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND STAFF REPORT

Toney Johnson moved to postpone approval of the minutes and Alex Griggs seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

III. NEW CASES:

1. **615 2nd Ave:** Donald and Christina Franklin, applicants/owner, intends to build a deck on the back of the home to serve as a connector between the second-floor exit and the backyard. The applicants also intend to replace the fencing on the south side of the house and construct a matching fence on the north side of the house. Allison Slocum read the staff report and the applicant presented their case. Jennifer Lamb moved to approve the application as presented and Alex Griggs seconded; the motion carried unanimously.
2. **2408 18th Ave:** Kathryn and Ophelia Pruitt, owner/applicants, intend to replace the back yard fence with a mix of three different fence types. The applicants plan to screen in the front porch and paint the door to match existing exterior pillars. The applicants intend to install gutters on the sides and back of the home. Allison Slocum read the staff report and the applicant presented their case. Applicant stated they would like to amend the application to have fencing be 6 feet in the rear instead of 8. The board discussed the proposed screened in porch and some apparent difficulties with its construction; the applicant stated they were amenable to amending the application to remove the screened in porch.

Toney Johnson moved to approve the application with the amendments

that the rear yard fencing be reduced to 6 feet in height and the screened in porch be removed from the application. Jennifer Lamb seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

3. **1606 17th Ave:** Tylor Capadagli, owner , intends to install eighteen solar panels on existing residential structure. No applicant was present and the board tabled this case.
4. **212 Railroad St:** James and Symone Alexander, applicants, intend to remove patching siding from front and rear of the home. The applicant intends to install a front and back door, repair, refinish, and replace original features and details of the home. Allison Slocum read the staff report and the applicant presented their case. The board received confirmation the applicant would repair windows wherever possible and discussed this process with the applicant. The applicant additionally stated they would attempt to preserve the chimney and it's removal would require the applicant return to the board.

Toney Johnson moved to approve the application as presented and Libby Smith seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

5. **802 1st Ave:** The Urban League of Greater Columbus, applicants/owners, intend to install a new roof matching the existing roof and install a handicapped ramp in the courtyard on the north side of the building. Allison Slocum read the staff report and the applicant presented their case. The board and applicant discussed best practices for restoration of historic structures including guidance to avoid using any abrasive cleaning techniques like sandblasting or pressure washing. The board also discussed with the applicant the proposed ramp and awning for the structure as well as any necessary modifications to openings of the structure.
Alex Griggs moved to approve the application as presented and Toney Johnson seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. **1240 18th Ave:** Applicant came before board previously and has refiled an application. No staff report was available.

The board discussed potential solutions for the applicant regarding unauthorized window replacement at the above address; the board gave guidance for the applicant regarding the permitting process. No action was taken on this case.

2. **Board Discussion:** The board discussed difficulties with the property referral process through 311. Staff noted board members issues and indicated they would make necessary changes including adding a BHAR category to 311 for referrals.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM