

BOARD OF HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

AGENDA

Citizen Services Center | Council Chambers
3111 Citizens Way Columbus, GA
September 11 | 3:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND STAFF REPORT

III. NEW CASES:

1. **605 Broadway:** Toney Johnson, applicant, intends to build a 10' x 12' storage building on the far-left corner of the back yard.

Toney Johnson recuses himself. Allison Slocum reads the materials from the staff report. Allison Slocum asks what the door and windows are made of. Toney Johnson said the door will be metal clad and vinyl windows. Allison Slocum said it's permissible due to the case being a new build, not visible from the street. Toney Johnson tells the board it will match the home's exterior. Alex Griggs motions to approve as submitted with the requirement that the pitch of the roof matches the house and wooden windows. Libby Smith seconds. All are in favor.

2. **831 6th Ave:** Friendship Baptist Church, applicant, intends to remove the current single faced sign and replace with interwall lit sign, along with installing a handrail and a street library.

Allison Slocum reads the materials from the staff report. Fran Carpenter asks the applicant if he plans to remove the existing rails and the applicant explains he is not. Tyler Pritchard asks the applicant if the rails would be rounded, and the applicant explains that the rails will be rounded for better stability. Toney Johnson explains that he is not keen on the additional rail not matching the existing rails and he recommends the additional rail match the existing rail. Alex Griggs disagrees with Toney Johnson, because for the rails to be ADA compliant they must differ from the existing non – ADA compliant rails. Toney Johnson asks what the tubular size is on the additional rail, the applicant states they are about 2 inches. Alex explains that for accessibility purposes, the existing rails must be removed to meet code. Alex Griggs suggests they not add a middle rail but add two new rails with at least 6 feet in between the pair. Fran Carpenter states that from

an aesthetic standpoint, the rails should all match and that codes will decide what is compliant. Emily Flourney agrees and moves to approve as submitted with the understanding that Codes determine whether the rails are compliant or not. Alex Griggs seconds. All are in favor. Fran Carpenter moves to approve the library box. Libby Smiths seconds. All are in favor. Several conversations take place about whether the sign proposed was the same as a previously approved sign, to which Tyler Pritchard clarifies it is not. Emily Flourney moves to approve. Jen Lamb seconds. All are in favor.

3. **2214 18th Ave:** Rich Godfrey, applicant, intends to replace flagstone walkway with brick.

Allison Slocum reads the materials from the staff report. The applicant tells the board the windows and doors are both made of wood, which Allison Slocum explains are considered appropriate. There is discussion around a missing page from the applicant application. Jen Lamb questions the brick pattern and the applicant explains he wants to match the pattern on the existing home. Emily Flourney moves to approve as submitted with the clarification that the windows and doors be wooden. Alex Griggs seconds. All are in favor.

4. **526 Broadway:** James Crane, applicant, intends to an aluminum gutter system on the North side of the house.

Allison Slocum reads the materials from the staff report. The board questions how the gutters will be attached? The applicant explains the gutters are aluminum constructs accompanied by aluminum fixtures to hold them in place with minimum visibility, and the downspouts will mold along the white columns seen in the renderings. Alex Griggs requests the applicant not remove the crown molding and that they use curved materials versus boxed. Alex Griggs moves to accept the application with the request there be no crown mold removal, that downspouts are rounded, and everything follows the profile already existing on the home's exterior. Jen Lamb seconds. All are in favor.

5. **1240 18th Ave:** Terence Wilkes, the applicant, intends to add a wooden grid on the outside of new and existing windows. Wilkes seeks approval for the front two windows to remain.

Allison Slocum reads the materials from the staff report. Fran Carpenter asked the applicant how many windows he had replaced, he replied that he had replaced ten but that five were replaced before he owned the home. Emily Flourney explains that she would like to avoid setting a precedent for future similar cases and would like the applicant to not fill in the front window gap

with brick, but to purchase separate size windows to fit. She also approves of the wood grid proposed to go over the windows. Fran Carpenter asks the applicant two questions – whether he had taken her previous advice of working with staff and whether he is willing to change the window to something that is more like the original. The applicant answers yes to both questions. Alex Griggs moves to approve apart from brick being between the two windows and that the windows be replaced with appropriately sized windows matching the original windows - similar to the ones on the opposite side of the front door. Toney Johnson seconds. All in favor.

6. **2117 13th St:** Francisco Cardenas, the applicant, intends to build a brick enclosure on the side porch of the home.

Allison Slocum reads the materials from the staff report. Molly Smith asks the applicant why he wants to brick in the side porch? The applicant explains his main reasoning for the safety and security of his home. The applicant explains that there are too many entrances to the home and that he feels there are potential crime risks. Emily Flournoy explains that it is very clear in the guidelines that this project is against anything they could approve, but that the applicant could enclose the porch with a screen versus brick. Fran suggests he board the wall from the interior, but the applicant believes this suggestion does not resolve his problem. The applicant questions what rules the board keeps referring to, Toney Johnson explains the UDO to the applicant. The applicant asked the board if he could get approval from the city would he have to come back to BHAR? The board explains they are the process through which you get approval from the city, but that he could appeal if he believed their decision was unjust. The applicant suggested several other ideas for boarding the porch with brick, to which the board reexplained that each was against the guidelines. Jen Lamb asked whether security was still the number one issue, to which the applicant admitted that he needed to rewire the electricity in the house and had made plans to place the breaker box on the proposed brick wall. Jen Lamb then asked the applicant if he had already started building the enclosure, to which he admitted yes. Alex Griggs moved to reject the application. Toney seconds. All are in favor.

IV. OLD CASES

V. NEW BUSINESS

VI. ADJOURNMENT