

BOARD OF HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

MINUTES

Citizen Services Center | Council Chambers

3111 Citizens Way Columbus, GA

March 14, 2022 | 3:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM

The meeting was called to order by the chair; Toney Johnson, Emily Flournoy, Fred Greene (Chair), Claire Berry, Fran Carpenter, Alex Griggs, Libby Smith and Robert Anderson (Virtual) were in attendance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND STAFF REPORT

Board members indicated they would like attendance to be on all minutes moving forward; staff stated they will do so from now on.

Fran Carpenter moved to approve the January Minutes as presented and Emily Flournoy seconded; the motion passed unanimously. Emily Flournoy moved to approve the February Minutes as presented and Alex Grigg seconded; the motion carried unanimously. Alex Griggs moved to approve the staff report as presented and Claire Berry seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

III. NEW CASES:

1. **514 1st Ave:** 1025 1st Ave LLC, applicant, intends to demolish an existing home and construct a new home on the site. Allison Slocum read the staff report and the applicant presented their case. Board members indicated they would like photos from a previous application added to this application's supporting information. Toney Johnson stated the older structure in the back is original to the building. The board discussed the condition of the current structure and obtained clarity on what was to be demolished and what was to be preserved. Emily Flournoy moved to approve the partial demolition as proposed and Libby Smith seconded; the motion carried unanimously. The applicant in discussion with the board stated that they would inset the new additions to ensure they are visually distinct from the original structure. Alex Griggs moved to approve the construction of the new additions as proposed and Toney Johnson seconded; the motion carried unanimously.
2. **1651 18th Ave:** John Finley, applicant, intends to convert an attic space into a small room with a window. Allison Slocum read the staff report and the applicant presented their case. Board members asked the applicant how they intended to install the proposed window along a sloped roofline and if they were proposing a dormer or other roofline modification; the applicant stated they did not know and would need to contact a professional. The board and applicant discussed the use of the current space and potential solutions for allowing egress in the discussed space. Board members recommended the applicant present additional information including elevations, plans, photos, etc for the proposed window. Alex

Griggs moved to table the application and Libby Smith seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

3. **14 5th St:** Sia Etemadi, applicant, intends to construct a back yard canopy. Allison Slocum read the staff report and the applicant presented their case. The staff report stated the proposed backyard canopy as proposed would not be consistent with the historic district guidelines. Toney Johnson stated the aesthetics of the proposed canopy would not be consistent with the rest of the neighborhood and other board members noted how it would dominate the property. Board members and the applicant discussed the reasoning for the proposed backyard canopy and potential solutions in lieu of the proposed canopy; some board members recommended instead proposing a pergola-like feature in the backyard to accomplish the applicants goals. Alex Griggs moved to table the application and Emily Flournoy seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

4. **1600 3rd Ave:** Ken Henson, applicant, intends to construct a new 24 unit apartment building. Allison Slocum read the staff report and the applicant presented their case. Board members requested that photos and other information from other applications be combined with supporting information for this application. The applicant noted the project will be similar to other projects in the area. The board received clarification that sidewalks in the area will be kept or rebuilt as necessary. Board members, staff and the applicant clarified where the building will be sited in relation to the House of Mercy nearby. Toney Johnson moved to approve the application as presented and Alex Griggs seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

5. **925 Blandford Ave:** James Brooks, applicant, intends to remove an existing window and install a new window. Allison Slocum read the staff report and the applicant presented their case. The board and applicant discussed the varied window styles present on the structure and what would be an appropriate design choice for the replacement window; the board noted the need for the proposed replacement to be true divided light rather than simulated divided light. Alex Griggs moved to approve the application as presented noting the applicant choose a window design based on the structures rear windows; Libby Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

IV. OLD CASES

1. **605 2nd Ave:** Sia Etemadi, applicant, is presenting additional information on a proposed skylight. Allison Slocum read the staff report and the applicant presented their case. Board members received clarification that the railings will be a dark brown/black color and not be visible unless the skylight is open in use. Alex Griggs moved to approve the application as presented and Libby Smith seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

624 + 609 3rd Ave: 4th Street Towers, applicant, is bringing information to the board regarding handicap ramp installation. No applicant was present and the application was tabled for the next meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Request information from Inspections and Code

1920 Flournoy Drive: Apparent demolition happening on site; board requests inspections and code investigate

15 8th St: 8 foot privacy fence appears to have been installed without board permission. Board requests inspections and code investigate

4 6th St: Board members requested staff review minutes, recordings and application information to ascertain if the simulated divided light windows as installed were approved at any prior meeting.

The board requested that staff use Trello to track and update board members on properties reported for potential unauthorized work

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the chair.