

# **BOARD OF HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW**

## **MINUTES**

**Citizen Services Center | Council Chambers**  
**3111 Citizens Way Columbus, GA**  
**October 11, 2022 | 3:30 PM**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM**

The acting chair called the meeting to order. In attendance were Toney Johnson, Claire Berry, Emily Flournoy (Acting Chair), Alex Griggs, Fran Carpenter, Katie Bishop and Tyler Pritchard.

### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND STAFF REPORT**

Alex Griggs moved to approve the staff report and minutes and Claire Berry seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

### **III. NEW CASES:**

1. **524 Broadway:** James Crane, applicant, intends to install gutters per specifications submitted. Allison Slocum read the staff report and the applicant presented their case. Alex Griggs received confirmation from the applicant the gutters would be made of aluminum.

Alex Griggs moved to approve the application as presented, noting the applicant stated they will use aluminum gutters. Claire Berry seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2. **1240 Wynnton Road:** Cargill Design Build Remodel Inc., applicant, intends to construct a dumpster enclosure per specifications submitted. Allison Slocum read the staff report and the applicant presented their case. Alex asked what the exterior door would be made of; applicant stated they would use aluminum but are open to changes.

Alex Griggs moved to approve the application as presented and Katie Bishop seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

3. **514 1<sup>st</sup> Ave:** Sia Etemadi, applicant, intends to demolish a portion of the existing structure, add 3 windows to existing structure and construct a screened in porch per specifications submitted. Allison Slocum read the staff report and the applicant presented their case. The applicant requested to modify the application to include raising of the home 16 inches to a final height of 3 feet 6 inches.

The applicant clarified they intend to construct a brick skirt around the foundation. The applicant also explained how they intend to make the addition visually distinct from the historic structure via the roof design. The board discussed the appropriateness of cementous siding compared to wood; staff indicated Cementous siding has been allowed on additions in the past.

The applicant indicated to the board they would mimic the soffit and window board detail from the front on the rear screen porch addition.

Alex Griggs moved to approve the application as presented and Claire Berry seconded; the application carried unanimously.

4. **620 Broadway:** Renee Roth, applicant, intends to reveal an existing (currently obscured) window, remove an existing window and install front porch railings and balusters per specifications submitted. Allison Slocum read the staff report and the applicant presented their case.

Applicant stated the chimney will have to be rebuilt; intends to rebuild to original specification and reuse original bricks where possible.

The board noted the current spindles installed are not appropriate and recommended the applicant seek custom turned spindles that are appropriate.

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

5. **615 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave:** Donald Franklin, applicant, intends to construct a back yard storage shed per specifications submitted. Allison Slocum read the staff report and the applicant presented their case.

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

6. **Linwood Cemetery Plot:** Candace Muncy, applicant, intends to construct 3.5 to 4ft tall fencing around an existing cemetery plot to match surrounding existing fences per specifications submitted. Allison Slocum read the staff report and the applicant presented their case.

The board received confirmation from the applicant the fence would be installed inside existing bricks and will not feature a gate (only an opening). The style of the fence will be the same as the perimeter fencing on site.

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

7. **831 6<sup>th</sup> Ave:** Friendship Baptist Church, applicant, seeks modification of a prior approval for signage installation. Allison Slocum read the staff report and the applicant presented their case. The board received clarification on where the new signage was intended to be installed (on the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> Ave and 9<sup>th</sup> St).

The board discussed different options with the applicant for displaying a digital sign on site and ways to incorporate the LED display into existing elements.

Alex Griggs moved to table the application and Toney Johnson seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

#### IV. TABLED CASES

1. **424 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave:** Bowman Consulting Group, applicant, has submitted an updated site plan for the proposed construction of townhomes.

The applicant provided and explained an updated site plan detailing the parking in the rear per the boards instructions.

Rob McKenna, representing the applicant, explained his interpretation of Georgia State Law that requires municipalities not outright ban the condominium form of ownership. Board members discussed the potential zoning mismatch of the property and proposed use while noting they are a design and architecture board.

Fran Carpenter inquired if some homes would have walls without windows; the applicant stated some homes do lack windows on some walls and it's a vestige of the townhome design the proposal is based on. The applicant stated they would discuss adding windows with their engineers.

Emily Flournoy asked about fencing/gates on the property as well as any need for dumpsters and associated enclosures; the applicant stated they are planning on having those elements but they are not shown in the plan. The board also inquired about the houses incorporating a crawlspace (16"-20") in the design that should be displayed on updated elevations.

Toney Johnson listed the information the board would like to see for review of this proposal: Fencing information, dumpster enclosure information, a site plan detailing the above features and updated renderings displaying the proposed crawl space feature.

Katie Bishop moved to table the application and Alex Griggs seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Request information from Inspections and Code

715 1<sup>st</sup> Ave: Fence/Gate installed without COA

2. Update board members on enforcement and surveillance efforts of historic districts/properties

Staff updated the board on enforcement and surveillance efforts and communications with the Inspections and Code department.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting.