

**THOMASVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
OFFICIAL MINUTES  
February 13, 2007**

The Thomasville Historic Preservation Commission met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Municipal Building Council Chambers. Voting members present were John Bennett, Peggy Wood, Ray Finger, Gina Shumake, Pat Glenn, and Demetrius Hadley. Zoning Administrator, Duane Treadon; Sr. Asst City Manager, Kha Thomas, Historic Preservation Commission Consultant to the City, Brent Runyon; Planning Technician, Margaret Bryant; and Administrative Assistant, Shannon Jones, also attended the meeting.

I. **Call to Order**

Chairman John Bennett called the meeting to order.

II. **Approval of Minutes**

Peggy Wood motioned that the January 9, 2007 minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Ray Finger, and passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

**Izzo's Pharmacy**

Troy Stencil, agent for Izzo's Pharmacy spoke to the Commission regarding the continuous activity at the site. Stencil reminded the Commission that the activity, which was approved for a Certificate of Appropriateness by the Commission in February 2005, has taken longer to complete than expected. He also informed the Commission that no activity has been performed that hasn't been previously approved by the Commission.

**Mitchell House**

**John Tennison**, owner for property located on the **100<sup>th</sup> Block of Broad Street**, Thomasville, Georgia. The application is for a Certificate of Appropriateness to renovate the exterior of the east and south facades of the Mitchell House. This applicant is also requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness to renovate the exterior of the Old Post Office Building on Jackson Street.

John Tennison addressed the Commission regarding the proposed work via slide show. He proposed the following changes to the Mitchell House Project and the Old Post Office Building:

**Proposed Renovations to Mitchell House**

**North and West Elevations**

- Clean and repair brick.
- Replace window with double hung, arched top wood windows.

- Replace original wood trim at eaves and fascias.
- Re-roof.
- At the north elevation, add a fourth floor tower.
- Replace wood decks at the retail entries with new brick stoops.
- Add steel framed balconies.

### **East and South Elevations**

- Repair existing stucco and remove applied fenestration elements.
- Remove brick veneer at the southeast corner.
- Restore towers at the fourth floor and construct a new tower on Jackson Street.
- Replace windows at the second, third and fourth floors with double hung, arched top windows.
- Replace original wood trim at eaves and fascias.
- Replace two store fronts on Broad Street.

### **Fourth Floor**

- Construct new fourth floor area on both the north and south sides of the existing fourth floor space.

### **Proposed Renovations of the Old Post Office**

#### **South and West Elevations**

- Clean and repair block and the sheet metal cornice.
- Repair or replace wood windows as required.
- Cap masonry pilasters.
- Cap top of wall with SM coping after removal of mansard roof.
- Construct a stucco entablature at the steel beam above the store front.
- Construct a false balcony at the center of the south elevation.

### **North Elevation**

- Add two doors.
- Clean and repaint masonry.
- Construct a roof access structure with a roof deck

During Mr. Tennison's presentation, Ray Finger asked Mr. Tennison questions in reference to the stairwell and fencing, and whether or not the fencing and stairwell will face the Jackson Street side or the parking lot side. Tennison informed Mr. Finger that the fencing and stairwell would only be seen from the parking lot area, and not from the street view.

Bennett also asked Mr. Tennison questions regarding how far the additional setbacks on the fourth floor of the property would be. Mr. Tennison informed Mr. Bennett that the setbacks would be approximately 8 feet.

Bennett asked the Commission if they reviewed the Consultant Analysis Report provided by Brent Runyon. Brent Runyon suggested that the Commission review the section in the Consultant Analysis Report concerning Liberty National, in the 1980's.

**Following a discussion by members of the Historical Preservation Commission, Bennett recommended that the Mitchell House Project be tabled, and that a called meeting for further discussion be scheduled for Monday January 19<sup>th</sup> 2007.**

### **New Business**

**Applicant 07-02-01 R.G. Berdis**, owner for property located at **129 East Jackson Street**, Thomasville, Georgia. The application is for a Certificate of Appropriateness to install window lettering to first floor windows.

Chris Lovelady, agent for R. G. Berdis addressed the Commission regarding the application. Mr. Lovelady informed the Commission of his unfamiliarity of the guidelines for posting signage in historical districts within the City of Thomasville. He also informed the Commission that he did not purposely go against these guidelines, by proceeding to post the window lettering; He proceeded to do the work at Mr. Berdis's request. He apologized for prematurely installing the window lettering. However, Mr. Lovelady provided the Commission with copies of pictures of other businesses within the historical district that had similar window lettering that included similar sizes, similar colors, and similar fonts that were not in compliance with the City's guidelines. Mr. Lovelady also suggested that specific guidelines for window lettering be published, so that there wouldn't be any misunderstandings in the future, nor members of the Commission wouldn't disapprove of certain signage due to personal opinion.

Mr. Bennett assured Mr. Lovelady that the credibility of his company was not tarnished, and that it was unfortunate that he and Mr. Berdis installed the window lettering, due to a lack of knowledge of the guidelines, and miscommunication. Bennett also commended Mr. Lovelady for points that were made. However, he did inform Mr. Lovelady that proper procedures must be followed in order to obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Duane Treadon stated that he did correspond with Mr. Lovelady, by providing him with different recommendations for signage posting. Treadon also informed Lovelady that some signs can be approved inner office though Administrative Review, but the signage in question, needed to be approved by the Commission.

**Following a discussion by members of the Historic Preservation Commission, Gina Shumake motioned to have the window lettering removed from the location, and the renter of the location resubmit an application for new signage to the City for approval; The motion was seconded by Pat Glenn. The motion was passed unanimously.**

**Applicant 07-02-02 Rhonda and Scott Foster**, owner's agents for property located at **113 E. Jackson Street**, Thomasville, Georgia. The application is for a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of a new sign design and colors.

Ronda Foster informed the Commission that they were requesting approval for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a larger sign with new design and colors, because of a

tree that is in front of the building blocking the view of their current signage when it is in full bloom. She also told the Commission that she had requested several times in the past for the tree to be cut back by the City, however, her request was denied because it was prohibited due to City ordinances. Mrs. Foster presented the commission with an alternative signage option that would fit within the sign board area of the wall.

Mr. Bennett suggested that the signage be posted within the indentation of the brick at the top of the brick of the building.

Stanley Smith opposed the proposal for new signage. Smith stated that the signage would compete too much with the pre-existing structure of the building. When shown the alternative option Mr. Smith advised that was acceptable.

**Following a discussion by members of the Historic Preservation Commission, Gina Shumake motioned to approve the proposal for new signage based on the alternative option presented, seconded by Ray Finger. The motion was passed unanimously.**

**Applicant 07-02-03 Stanley F. Smith**, owner's agent for property located at **510 N. Crawford Street**, Thomasville, Georgia. The application is for a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of restoring the property's shutters, the property's brick facing on piers, the property's interior, the property's driveway, the property's fence, awning and stoop in the rear, the property's gas lights, and the property's rear door and window.

**Following a discussion by members of the Historic Preservation Commission, Gina Shumake motioned to approve the application as presented, seconded by Ray Finger. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Applicant 07-02-04, John Adam Wise**, owner for property located at **306 S. Hansell Street**, Thomasville, Georgia. The application is for a Certificate of Appropriateness to add a master bathroom off the back corner of the property.

John Adam Wise addressed the Commission regarding his request. Wise informed the Commission that he wanted to add a master bedroom, and enclose the rear doors with siding. He assured the Commission that he would return the property's siding back to its original novelty side. The left rear windows will remain the same. The rear windows will be salvaged, but will be reused in another location. Wise also informed the Commission that the windows on the plans presented are not the windows that will be used. The windows will be two over two historical windows. The property will also have lattice around the bottom of its structure.

**Following a discussion by members of the Historic Preservation Commission, Gina Shumake motioned that the application be approved as submitted, with notation that windows and siding on the addition matching those found on the rest of the house. Ray Finger seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.**

**Applicant 07-02-05 , Linda Lawson**, owner's agent for property located at **120 S. Broad Street**, Thomasville, Georgia. The application is for a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of a new front wall sign.

Linda Lawson addressed the Commission concerning the request for a new front wall sign.

Mr. Bennett recommended that the signage be put in the upper sign board area so that it will be visible.

**Following a discussion by members of the Historic Preservation Commission, Gina Shumake motioned to approve the application as submitted with notation of the location of the sign in the sign board area, seconded by Peggy Wood. The motion was passed unanimously.**

V. **Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

