

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

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

I. **Call to Order**

Chairman John Bennett called the meeting to order.

II. **Approval of Minutes**

Pat Glenn motioned that the February 13, 2007 minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Alston Watt, and passed unanimously.

Old Business

Applicant 06-12-01 Kathy S. Mac Quirter, owner for property located at 522 North Dawson Street, Thomasville, Georgia. The application is for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the following:

- Attach a wooden privacy fence to the existing rock wall in the backyard
- Install lattice type fencing around the A/C unit
- Sod over the existing driveway and construct a new driveway to the far right side of the property.
- Install pea gravel, or a new variety to the driveway.
- Construct a new garage designed to look like a carriage house using two large windows that were taken from the house during a previous renovation.

Mr. Bennett called for a presentation by the applicant.

Stanley Smith, owner's agent spoke on behalf of the applicant. Smith addressed the Commission by presenting drawings as a visual display of the plans for the project. He stated to the Commission that there were exterior changes, from the original plans previously submitted and approved.

Members asked Mr. Smith about protection of the exterior door from rot.

Stanley Smith assured the Commission that the door could be covered with Azek material, which looks similar to wood, but will not rot. Smith stated that the eaves and columns will also be made from the Azek material. He informed the Commission that the other doors will look like old fashioned carriage doors, and will be painted.

Smith informed the Commission that the curb cut will be widened, and the dogwood tree will be taken down by the owners, and replaced with another tree, if necessary.

The Commission suggested that the applicant refer to the City of Thomasville's Landscaping ordinances for replacing the tree with a like specimen.

The Commission also expressed their satisfaction with the applicant's presentation, and plans for the project.

Following a discussion by the Historic Preservation Commission, Gina Shumake motioned to accept the application as presented, with the dogwood tree removed, and replaced with a like tree specimen. The motion was seconded by Pat Glenn, and passed unanimously.

New Business

Applicant 07-03-01 Eshcol Spence, owner's agent for property located at **503 N. Dawson Street**, Thomasville, Georgia. The application is for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace damaged asbestos roofing with a 30-year architectural shingle.

Mr. Bennett called for a presentation by the applicant.

Spence informed the Commission that the roof has asbestos shingles is in poor state, and needs to be replaced. He informed the Commission that the metal parts of the roof are rusted through, and the 3-tab architectural shingles are beyond repair. He also stated that the interior is deteriorating due to extreme leakage problems from the roof. Spence informed the Commission that the owner of the property is 90 years of age, and lives out of town. Spence stated that the owner would like to stabilize the deteriorating structure. The owner would love to move to Thomasville and live in the home one day.

Stanley Smith confirmed that part of the roof and shingles are contaminated with asbestos. He informed the Commission that there are several homes on Dawson Street, whose roofs have been redone with slate or the azek. The cost maybe expensive, however, the fake slate would make the roof last a lifetime.

The Commission discussed what would be most important in order to stabilize the home. 3-tab architectural shingles are currently used in the neighborhood; and if the Commission allows the owner to use the shingle, it would not set precedent. The front porch area is very low pitched. Because this area is low pitched, if need be, the owners can revert back to the metal roof. If the applicant would like to use some other material for the roofing, they would need to come back, and present it to the Commission.

Following a discussion by the Historical Preservation Commission, Gina Shumake motioned to approve the application as presented. In the event that the lower area needs to be replaced with metal roofing, it is approved; and if the applicant would like to use another type of material, they would need to present it to the Commission. The motion was seconded by Pat Glenn, and passed unanimously.

Staff Item

Duane Treadon spoke to the Commission regarding two previous applications.

Treadon informed the Commission that the applicant, located at **114 S. Madison Street** (Title Bucks), began to turn off the light on the sign, however the same switch for the sign is also connected to the computers. Turning off this switch also caused the computers to shut off. The owner will have the electrician fix the problem, by the end of the week.

Treadon also spoke to the Commission regarding the applicant at **129 E. Jackson Street**. He informed the Commission that the owner of the property wasn't notified by his agent regarding the window lettering. He stated that the owner was issued a violation notice, and will comply, by removing the lettering.

Gina Shumake wants to investigate the sign ordinance, and develop a guideline for window lettering. She suggested that only "stick-on" lettering be used.

Treadon stated that City code does not regulate window signage. However he stated that developing guidelines for signage in historic districts would be appropriate.

The Commission discussed different options for applying guidelines for signage in Historical districts. Gina Shumake volunteered to serve on a sub-committee to kick this off. Karen Smith and Linda Lawson would need to be contacted. The Commission decided that all signage would need to comply with the new guidelines. The sub-committee will have something for put together for the meeting in May. All issues should be emailed to Margaret in time for the meeting so that all issues can be addressed.

Treadon also spoke in regards to the Historic Preservation training in St. Marys, Georgia April 27th-28th, 2007. He informed the Commission that funds were available for three members to attend. Treadon asked that if anyone would like to attend the training, please inform him.

V. **Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

Chairman, Historical Preservation Commission

