

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

ATHENS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

OCTOBER 3, 2024

3:30 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Laura Lenoir
Timberly Guffey
Tyler Boyd
Jona Garrett
Jordan Curtis
Justin White

MEMBERS ABSENT

Shawn McKeehan

OTHERS ATTENDING

Anthony Casteel
Will Houston

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of August 1, 2024 regular meeting minutes

The minutes of the August 1, 2024, regular meeting were read and approved on motion by Tyler Boyd; seconded by Jona Garrett; vote – unanimous

OLD BUSINESS

1. Brochure discussion

Vice Chair Lenoir explained to Mr. White about the brochure and the continuous research they have done on the Historic District, and they hope to finish the brochure one day and that is why they keep it on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Before the meeting started the Vice Chair, Laura Lenoir welcomed Mr. Houston and thanked him for his years of service. She also welcomed the new member, Justin White.

1. Election of Chairperson

Mr. Curtis moved to nominate Shawn McKeehan as Chair. It was second by Mr. Boyd. There were no other nominations. The vote was unanimous with no opposition.

2. Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) request for Rusty and Myra Patterson- 108 Blount Street- for addition of a screened in porch.

They are wanting to put a 9x14 screened in porch on the eastern side of the house. (Mr. Casteel showed the Commission the photos of the house provided). There is an alley that has been abandoned and the Patterson's own a small portion of land on the other side of the abandoned alley. Right now they cannot meet the current setbacks, but if they abandon those property lines and combine the alley and the other portion of land into their current property, they will be able to. Mr. Casteel read what the Guidelines say. If they want to enclose it, according to the Guidelines on page 41, that will be appropriate. Mrs. Cardin spoke with Mr. Patterson about the setback issue that will have to be addressed before a permit is issued. Mrs. Cardin and Mr. McConkey will not issue a building permit until they can meet the setbacks.

MOTION: Move to approve the request.

MADE: Jordan Curtis

SECOND: Jona Garrett

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION PASSED

Vice Chair Lenoir said she does respect the fact that they looked at houses in the neighborhood of the same period and architectural style.

Mr. White said the only question he has is about the gutters.

Mr. Casteel said as long as he uses the same gutters of the same size and style as the rest of the house, he is good to go.

Vice Chair Lenoir said yes.

There was an amendment to the motion.

AMMENDED MOTION: Move for approval as long as the gutters are appropriate to the style of the house and the same color as the existing gutters.

MADE: Jordan Curtis

SECOND: Jona Garrett

VOTE: Unanimous
MOTION PASSED

a. **Owner Comments**

There were no owner comments.

b. **Public Comments**

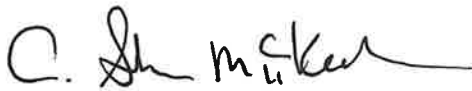
There were no public comments.

3. **Discussion of historic overlay downtown**

Vice Chair Lenoir said this has been discussed numerous times in the past.

Mr. Casteel said when they did a photo survey, they did take interest in a certain area downtown. It is going to be in the Central Business District. From what he can tell, it is from College Street to Park Street and from Hill Street to Green. So, they supposedly have photo documentation of every building in that area of town. He said he has not looked through them all. They do have documentation of every building in town, whether it should be included in the district or not. He said he told the Council Advisory, them and the City Council, that they felt like the district should come from the people, but the Council wants them to do it on their own.

There was further discussion about this. They want to look at the Guidelines again and the signage. They agreed to have a meeting to discuss this more in November, even if they do not have an application to discuss.



Shawn McKeehan, Chairperson



Timberly Guffey, Secretary