



Historic District Review Board Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2020

1 CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Historic District Review Board was held at the City Hall Planning Conference Room on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 2:05 pm.

2 ATTENDEES

Attendees included Board members including Vice-Chairman John Dickerson, Katherine Pringle, and Edward Mouton, and staff members Joan Furlong and Julie Bachety.

3 ATTENDEES NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Bill Allison

4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Pringle requested that the minutes be amended so that the term hardi- and hardie-plank be consistent. Mr. Motion made a motion to approve the January 8, 2020 minutes as noted. Ms. Pringle seconded the motion. The motion to approve the amended minutes passed unanimously.

5 REVIEW OF FULL BOARD PROJECTS

1. 1301 Greene Street (PIN R120 004 000 0149 0000) - Change After Certification and Design Exception

Joan Furlong presented the staff report stating that the applicant was requesting approval of a change-after-certification for a change in materials and paint color. Regarding material, the applicant is also requesting a design exception.

The applicant, Stacy Applegate, presented her request.

Chairman Dickerson opened the public hearing and called for comments from the public.

Public commented included:

1. **Veronica Snyder, 1205 Greene Street**, said she lives four houses away and is in support of the applications.

2. **Larry Holman, 3 Petigru Drive**, said he has an investment group that owns several houses in the area and feels this is acceptable with the current hardie plank. He said you can only tell if you are on the property and are a contractor or home builder. It's an asset to the community and the applicant did a great job. Also, there are other buildings with hardie plank, Mr. Holman said.

3. **Leroy Abner, 1212 Greene Street**, said he restored and has lived in his home in the neighborhood for 15 years and spoke against the use of wood and in favor of the use of hardie-plank. He is in support of the application. He said there are 3 different types of homes around his property.

4. **Cynthia Jenkins from Historic Beaufort Foundation (HBF)** said she has a lot of issues with this submittal. Ms. Jenkins went over her list of issues. Ms. Jenkins referred to the National Register List and said there is no question that this property is contributing. Ms. Jenkins also said she was shocked at the comments by in the staff report made by City and the City Attorney. Ms. Jenkins said she received the attorney's note the date before yesterday, but the City of Beaufort received them Saturday at 6:30 pm and asked why.

5. **Barbara Howe, co-owner of 1003 Harrington Street**, said she has an unobstructed view and can't tell what siding it is, but the transformation looks great.

Chairman Dickerson closed the public hearing.

Motion: Ms. Pringle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mouton, to approve the change in color. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Mr. Mouton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pringle, to approve the Design Exception for change in materials request, to allow the use of cement fiber board with board grain finish. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Harrington Street & Crofut Lane (PIN R120 004 000 0349 0000) - New Construction**

Joan Furlong presented the staff report stating the applicant is requesting approval of construction of a new single-family house on a small non-conforming lot in the Historic Conservation District.

The applicant, Jeremiah Smith with Allison Ramsey Architects, was present.

Motion: Ms. Pringle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mouton, with the changes discussed. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **1310 Washington Street (PIN R120 004 000 0149 0000) - New Construction**

The applicant, James and Kathleen Powley, were present.

Motion: Mr. Mouton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pringle, to approve the submittal of the house with no change and approval of the shed using two courses of CMU instead of three. The motion passed unanimously.

6 NEW BUSINESS

Contract with Meadors

Joan Furlong introduced the consultant, Jeremy Tate, who will be assisting the City with the Historic Review Board (HBF) and the Design Review Board (DRB). Ms. Furlong went over what Mr. Tate and his associates would be responsible for. Mr. Tate introduced himself and gave brief background of his experience. He said Betty Prime from his office would also be assisting the city, but she as unable to attend today.

7 ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

Chairman Dickerson said there is an item not on the agenda to be discussed by Ken Meola from the City of Beaufort. Mr. Meola referred to the property at 1108 West Street and said he wanted to let the Board know about the status. He said the property is on the City's Vacant and Abandoned List and has new heir. Mr. Meola found the property to be severely rotted, but not it's stabilized. He gave the new heir a stop work order until they come into the City and apply for to the HRB.

Maxine Lutz with HBF spoke about the history of the building saying it was in the "green book" for many years where African's could stay when they had no place to go with the help of Mrs. Herbie's grandmother who opened her doors to them.

8 ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Pringle made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Mouton. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 3:56 p.m.

Chair

Date of approval