



Historic District Review Board Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

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A meeting of the Historic District Review Board was held in-person on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 2:00 pm.

ATTENDEES

Members in attendance: Mike Sutton (Chair), Eric Berman, (Vice-Chair), Kim Petrella, Rita Wilson, and Grady Woods.

Staff in attendance: Curt Freese, Community Development Director, Christopher Klement, Planner III, Meadors Architecture, and Julie A. Bachety, Community Development Administrative Assistant II.

REVIEW OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2025

1:48

Ms. Wilson noted on page 2 under the Discussion item in the last paragraph *delete the word spoke*. Mr. Berman noted on the same in the same paragraph to *change the date Tuesday to Wednesday*.

Motion: Mr. Woods made a motion to approve the February 12, 2025 minutes with the changes. Ms. Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

All Historic District Review Board Meeting minutes are recorded and can be found on the City's website at <http://www.cityofbeaufort.org/AgendaCenter>.

APPLICATIONS

3:08

- A. **1406 Greene Street, PIN R120 004 000 0241 0000**, exterior renovations/alterations
Applicant: Lekshmi & Landon Poe, Homeowners

The applicant is requesting approval for several exterior renovations/alterations, including roofing, shutters, stucco siding, front door, etc.

Christopher Klement presented the staff report.

Public Comment:

Lise Sundrla, Historic Beaufort Foundation (HBF), commented that one thing HBF was strong about and wanting to retain the front windows on the front façade because those are part of the historic narrative of the building: that shape and form of window and also the existing

columns. Ms. Sundrla disagreed with Mr. Klement that this is not appropriate from a design perspective for the neighborhood. The roof change makes sense with regards to it from the shutter perspective. If those windows are retained then those shutters are not necessary and the shutters that are being recommended would not be appropriate for the front of the house.

Public comment closed.

Motion: Mr. Berman made a motion to grant final approval to this project with staff's recommendations with the exception of #3 and #6 and to remove any verbiage about not having it be a gas lantern from 7, 8 and 9. Ms. Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. **510 Craven Street, PIN R120 004 000 0890 0000**, addition
Applicant: Michael Frederick, Frederick + Frederick, Architects

52:12

The applicant is requesting approval for a family room addition and partial enclosure of the rear porch.

Christopher Klement presented the staff report.

Public Comment:

Lise Sundrla, Historic Beaufort Foundation (HBF), commented that the Preservation Committee agreed with the Historic Technical Review Committee (HTRC) recommendations. Project is well done and protects the footprint of the historic property while being able to provide them additional space that they need. The addition of the garden shed works really well at the back of the building.

Public comment closed.

Motion: Ms. Petrella made a motion to grant final approval as presented. Mr. Woods seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Berman said he believes the HTRC serves a good purpose, and that purpose **1:15:13** is that you get a chance to get different folks who have expertise in architecture, design, and process that can all help someone build a better product that you would like and also that best fits in the district. Mr. Berman commented that he doesn't want to see is that that purpose gets lost and that it turns into a way for people to force what they want onto people, and it becomes a burden or an obstacle to getting things done and instead of the Board being the deciding place, you have this faux Board that people go through first. Ms. Wilson commented that she believes the HTRC has streamlined things that have come before the Board that weren't ready. It helps people be ready when they come before the Board

Mr. Freese mentioned the two memos that were provided in the Board's packets. One was for the Spring Tour Schedule and the other was for the Joint Meeting with the Planning Commission (PC). Staff and Board members agreed to do the HRB Spring Tour on April 11 at 9:00 am.

Mr. Freese said at the Strategic Planning Session, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Tomy suggested having a joint session with the Planning Commission (PC) to discuss the previously proposed changes to the historic rules and regulations that have not been taken up on the strategic planning session. Mr. Freese proposed the PC since they legally are the ones that have to make the recommendation the PC's meeting next month at 5:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

1:23:00

Mr. Woods made a motion seconded by Ms. Wilson to adjourn. The meeting ended at 3:23 pm.