

TUSCALOOSA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING SYNOPSIS

Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Cathy Pagani
Commissioners Jordan Morris, Salli Davis, Francine Wasden, Joseph Cox, Matt McCool,
Mary Harmon Young, and William Edwards

ABSENT:

David Nelson

STAFF PRESENT:

Chad Hobbs, Associate City Attorney
Hudson Cheshire, Assistant City Attorney
Zach Ponds, Director of Planning
Emily Hayes, Associate Director of Planning

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Pagani announced that having received a synopsis of the previous meeting, the Commission moves to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the same unless there are any deletions, additions, or corrections. Hearing none, Chairman Pagani recommended approval of the minutes. Commissioner Young made a motion to adopt the minutes. Commissioner Wasden seconded. All commissioners voted "yes"; no, none. The minutes were adopted.

CASES REQUESTING TO WITHDRAW

CASES REQUESTING TO CONTINUE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Associate Director of Planning, Emily Hayes, briefed the Commission on the following agenda items:

CASES TO BE HEARD

HPC-51-23 Scott Russell petitions for a Certificate of Appropriateness to construct a covered front porch and to change the siding material on the primary structure located at 23 Guildswood in the Guildswood Historic District. (Council District 4)

Mr. Scott Russell represented the petition.

No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the petition.

Vice Chairperson Morris expressed support in integrating the cornice board and pediment to the covered porch. Commissioner Cox expressed concerns regarding the trim used on the covered front porch and support of the use of fluted columns. Commissioner Wasden expressed concerns about the appearance of the covered front porch not being similar to the original appearance of the historic home. All Commissioners expressed interest in the petitioner providing updated drawings.

Chairperson Pagani read the motion to table the Certificate of Appropriateness until the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting. Commissioner Young made a motion to table. Commissioner Wasden seconded the motion. All commissioners voted "yes"; no, none.

HPC-52-23 Kelly Fitts petitions for a Certificate of Appropriateness to demolish an existing garage to construct a carport, to construct an addition on the rear of the primary structure, and for exterior alterations to the primary structure located at 31 Audubon Place in the Audubon Place Historic District. (Council District 4)

Mr. Evan Fitts represented the petitioner. Property owners, Jill and David Respass, were also present to represent the petition.

No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the petition.

There were two written comments in support of the petition. One written comment requested that no impairment occur regarding driveway access.

Chairperson Pagani read the motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness.

The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

There were 7 Historic Expedited Review approvals since the previous HPC meeting.

ADJOURN

Chairperson Pagani asked whether there was any other matter to be brought before the Historic Preservation Commission. Seeing none, the Historic Preservation Commission meeting adjourned at 5:37 P.M.

ATTEST:



Zach Ponds
Secretary of Historic Preservation Commission



Cathy Pagani
Chairperson of Historic Preservation Commission