

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014 at 5:30 P.M.**

**The meeting was held in Meeting Room B of the Augusta Public Library, 823 Telfair St.**

**THOSE PRESENT:**

Jimmy Garren, Chairman	Alison Fields
Jimmy Anderson	Scott MacGregor
Anthony Booker	Annie Rogers
Alzenia Williams	Terrance Howard (New Member)

**THOSE ABSENT:**

Dave Barbee, Vice-Chair

**THOSE ALSO PRESENT:**

Paul DeCamp, Deputy Director	Lois Schmidt, Planning & Development Dept.
Robyn Anderson, Historic Augusta	
8 Members of the Public	

The Commission welcomed Mr. Terrance Howard as the new representative from District 8.

1.14-10 - An application for a Certificate of Appropriateness – 415 Fourth Street – Enloe Residential, on behalf of Martin Puetz LLC and the Bush Law Firm – replace 6 existing windows with double hung Barrington Softlite vinyl windows – Olde Town

Mr. DeCamp presented the petition and pictures.

Mr. Steven Felton, Enloe Residential, was present on behalf of the petition. Mr. Felton stated that the owners of the property want to replace the deteriorated windows with new more energy efficient windows.

There were no concerned citizens present.

Chairman Garren asked if the windows will have outside grilles.

Mr. Felton said yes outside grilles with storm windows over all for efficiency. He asked if it can be straight glass with no grilles.

Commissioner Booker said he would prefer outside grilles.

Mr. Felton stated he can do that and have the external grilles on both the inside and outside.

Commissioner Rogers asked whether they could be vinyl clad instead of all vinyl.

Chairman Garren said the vinyl windows have made leaps and bounds over the last few years.

Staff explained that the Olde Town design guidelines are more liberal than the Summerville guidelines regarding windows.

Commissioner MacGregor stated a commercial building lends itself more to all vinyl windows.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Rogers that 14-10 be3 APPROVED with the condition that the windows have external fixed grilles; seconded by Commissioner Booker. MOTION carried unanimously.

2. 14-011 – An application for a Certificate of Appropriateness – 2649 Henry Street – Kriston Chandler – to retain a decorative concrete circle driveway in the front yard – Summerville

Mr. DeCamp presented the petition and pictures. Mr. DeCamp explained that there were 2 curb cuts for this lot indicating that there was once a second driveway or a circular driveway that was abandoned.

Mr. Chandler was present on behalf of the petition. He apologized for the confusion surrounding the installation of the driveway. He was not aware that the work would require a COA. He explained that the circular drive will help with the in and out traffic due to the heavy traffic on Henry Street from ASU among other things. His children and their friends, driven by their parents, are in and out of the driveway due to activities.

Chairman Garren stated that in his opinion the house calls for a circular driveway and the petitioner did a good job allowing cars to pass on the drive and, as the landscaping matures, it will help shield the parking / passing area.

Mr. David Dunagan, Summerville Neighborhood Association Board Member, said he was present as a neighbor, not on behalf of the Summerville Board, to support the petition. The Summerville design guidelines show circular drives for large lots. This lot is almost an acre in size, which qualifies it as a large lot. Regarding Historic Augusta's comments regarding the brightness of the concrete, the concrete will dull with age and it is salt-pitted to look aged already.

Ms. Tara Conway, Summerville Neighborhood Association Historic Preservation Committee, said they are not happy with the front parking area. They feel that it appears to be a giant slab of concrete and it is not in keeping with the neighborhood.

Mr. Chandler said there are many front parking areas up and down Walton Way.

Chairman Garren stated the landscaping will soften the look as it grows and if the entire driveway was poured to allow for 2 vehicles to pass there would be even more concrete.

Mr. Chandler said they designed the drive in such a way as to try and save the trees by not disturbing their root systems.

Ms. Conway asked if they removed any trees.

Mr. Chandler said no.

Commissioner Anderson asked if the work is done what would be the recourse.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Rogers that 14-11 be APPROVED; seconded by Commissioner Williams.

Commissioner MacGregor asked if there could be some discussion at a later date on how to prevent the “asking forgiveness after the work is done”.

Chairman Garren said it has been tried many times over the years but it is hard especially with jobs that do not require permits.

Commissioner MacGregor suggested increasing the obligations of the homeowners and give them the knowledge necessary to work with.

Mr. DeCamp said staff can look into it.

Ms. Conway explained that the Summerville Neighborhood Association and the Historic Preservation Committee are coming back strong after a lag of several years.

Chairman Garren called the question. MOTION carried unanimously.

3. 14-12 – An application for a Certificate of Appropriateness – 1205 Highland Avenue – Nancy Celis – replace all windows with aluminum clad Pella Architect Series 850 windows that will match the original size and light pattern and be the same trim color - Summerville

Mr. DeCamp presented the petition and pictures.

Ms. Nancy Celis was present on behalf of the petition along with Mr. Hebert of Lowe’s. Mr. Hebert presented the Commission with a sample of the proposed window. He explained the windows will be more energy efficient.

Ms. Celis said they cannot open the existing windows due to over-painting by previous owners or malfunctioning parts.

There were no concerned citizens present.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Booker that 14-12 be APPROVED; seconded by Commissioner Rogers. MOTION carried unanimously.

4. Minutes from March 27, 2014

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Williams that the minutes from March 27, 2014 be APPROVED; seconded by Commissioner Rogers. MOTION carried unanimously.