

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EUFAULA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION HELD NOVEMBER 3, 2008

The Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Eufaula met in special session Monday, November 3, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of Eufaula City Hall, 205 East Barbour Street. Upon call of the roll the following members were present: Chairman Terry Honan, Vice Chairman Curtis Williams, Joel Smith (entered at 3:52 p.m.), David Ongemach, and Doug Purcell (entered at 3:57 p.m.). Absent: Bruce Turner. Also present: City Planner Tim Milner, Building Inspectors Bill Klein and Kenny Hayes, Mayor Jay Jaxon, and Tiffany Woo, The Eufaula Tribune, as well as several community members.

Chairman Honan opened the meeting at 3:30 p.m. and noted no quorum was present and official business could not be conducted. He noted the Commission has received two complaints regarding the paint color selection for the Eufaula Carnegie Library, which has been painted a different shade without the Commission issuing a Certificate of Appropriateness. Director Ronnie Smith stated the library received a \$25,000 grant and used the funds to repaint the exterior of the building. He noted much of the woodwork was painted years ago and did not match. Mr. Smith stated he did not know he was supposed to have requested permission to change the paint color and appear before the Commission. Chairman Honan explained the process of applying for a Certificate of Appropriateness to Mr. Smith. He also pointed out he asked Mike Hamrick to look at the new color to determine if it is appropriate. Chairman Honan stated Mr. Hamrick's opinion is that the color should be a muted, earthy, craftsman-style shade. Mr. Smith stated the work is $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way complete, and the grant will not pay to have the building repainted because the work is basically done. Mayor Jaxon stated the practical thing to do since the project is $\frac{3}{4}$ complete and with budgets as lean as they are is to allow the project to proceed, as there is no more money to re-paint the building. Chairman Honan asked Commission members if it was the wishes of the HPC to issue a stop work order. There was no motion on Chairman Honan's question, therefore he stated the library's COA would be included on the December agenda for consideration. Mr. Smith asked if he should have the contractor stop painting; Mr. Ongemach stated at this point he sees no alternative but to continue to paint.

Mr. (Joel) Smith entered the meeting at 3:52 p.m. and Chairman Honan announced a quorum was present and called the meeting to order for the conduction of business.

The first application on the agenda was a request by Chris and Karen Sellers, 230 North Eufaula Avenue, for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of paint colors. Chairman Honan asked for clarification on the schedule for repairs to the porch, foundation, siding and beams.

At this point (3:57 p.m.), Mr. Purcell entered the meeting.

Mr. Sellers stated he has the materials for the porch and hopes it will be on by December 2009, but cannot be certain. Mr. Sellers asked if the 24-inch exterior double doors can be replaced with a single 48-inch front door. It was the consensus of the Commission that one door is acceptable. After discussion, Mr. Ongemach moved to approve the application for approval of paint colors (Benjamin Moore Kennebunkport Green HC-123, Garrison Red HC-66, and Lancaster Whitewash HC-174), as amended, to include the following clarifications:

1. The owner has advised the HPC that the brick pillars are being repaired; new beams are being installed under the house where required and that, where needed, vertical framing will be repaired or replaced. It is understood that to repair the vertical framing the siding in those areas will have to be removed and replaced after the repairs are completed.
2. All siding that is missing or that needs to be replaced will be replaced with siding of similar size and material as the existing.
3. All trim, cornices, fascias etc. that is missing or that needs to be replaced will be replaced with materials of similar design, size and material as the existing.
4. The porches will be replaced. The design of the porches, including all the trim, columns, railings, balusters, etc., will be the same as the design of the porches on the house when it was built. The materials used will be of similar size, design and material as was on the house when it was built. Details of the porches will be submitted to the HPC for approval before they are constructed.
5. The exterior doors that are missing will be replaced with doors and hardware similar size, design and material as was on the house when it was built. (Can be single front door.)
6. All of the work outlined above, except the porches, will be completed on or before the completion date for all of the work in this application as contained in item #6 of the Certificate of Appropriateness.

Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote was recorded as follows: Yeas: Chairman Honan, Vice Chairman Williams, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ongemach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The next application was a request for Certificate of Appropriateness by Paul and Stella Matherne, 621 North Eufaula Avenue, for the construction of a new detached workshop/storage building directly behind their house. The 24'x24' structure will have a shingle roof and wood siding. Trim and siding will be painted to match the applicants' house. Shingles will match those on the house as closely as possible. Sited in the back of the rear yard 180 feet from the public right of way, the building will not be prominently visible from public vantages or within the district. The proposed structure meets zoning ordinance requirements. Chairman Honan noted the application had been reviewed at last month's work session of the Commission. After discussion, Mr. Williams moved to approve the

application as submitted. Mr. Purcell seconded the motion. Roll call vote was recorded as follows: Yeas: Chairman Honan, Vice Chairman Williams, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ongemach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The final application on the agenda was a request by Goodwill Industries of the Southern Rivers, Inc., 117 East Broad Street, for Certificate of Appropriateness for awning replacement. Tim Mercer addressed the Commission on behalf of the applicant. He stated the framework is iron and will be welded and sealed prior to replacement of the new awning fabric. Discussion was held regarding the barrel-style awning that is being suggested. Chairman Honan stated a slant-style awning would be more period-appropriate for the building. After discussion, Mr. Mercer stated he will return to the November 12 meeting with information on the economic feasibility of installing that type awning instead of the barrel awning. Mr. Ongemach moved to table the application until the November 12th meeting. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote was recorded as follows: Yeas: Chairman Honan, Vice Chairman Williams, Mr. Purcell, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ongemach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Honan reported First Presbyterian Church has completed replacement of its window coverings and he understands several other churches will be following suit. He noted for the record that total amount of the project was \$85,000.

Chairman Honan asked Mr. Klein for a copy of the letter he wrote to the owners of the Old Martin Theater property.

Mr. Williams stated the owner of the former Badcock building has inquired about repainting the building. He informed him that if the building is painted the same color, the only action necessary would be completion of a work review form. If he replaces the awning, he would need to complete a Certificate of Appropriateness and appear before the Commission. The secretary advised the Commission an application has been submitted for the December agenda.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn.

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Terry Honan, Chairman

ATTEST:

Teri Bush, Secretary/CLG Liaison

