Albany-Dougherty Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

The Historic Preservation Commission was scheduled to meet in a duly advertised public meeting on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 10:00 AM.

**The following Commissioners were present:**

William Guin

Quianna Lavant (virtual)

King Randall

Matt Trice

Vice-Chair Scott Marcus

Chair Angie Jones

**Commissioners Excused:**

Will Davis

Zachary Giddes

**Staff Present:**

Tonie Mitchum, Planner II

Jason Tolbert, Planner II

Angel Gray, Deputy Director of Planning and Development

Michael Custer, City Attorney

Kraig Clubb, Information Technology

Centrell Vicks, Code Enforcement

**Others Present:**

Bruce Capps

Emerson Jones

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM by Chair Jones who presided over the meeting. A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

March 5, 2025, HPC Regular Meeting

Chair Jones opened the discussion, asking if the minutes were reviewed by the Commission. There was no discussion or any changes to the minutes asked for by the Commission.

Chair Jones entertained a motion for the minutes from the HPC Regular Meeting on March 5, 2025. Commissioner Trice offered a **motion to approve** the draft minutes as written.

The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Marcus; the **motion passed** with the following votes:

Will Davis Absent

Zachary Giddes Absent

William Guin Yes

Quianna Lavant Yes

King Randall Yes

Matt Trice Yes

Vice-Chair Marcus Yes

Chair Angie Jones Yes

**NEW BUSINESS**

There were no new Certificate of Appropriateness applications reviewed by the Commission.

City Attorney Michael Custer discussed a notice given to the Historic Preservation Commission about the acquisition and demolition of four (4) properties location within the Historic District:

402 W. Mercer Avenue

404 W. Mercer Avenue

406 (A&B) W. Mercer Avenue

408 W. Mercer Avenue

Pictures were shown of each property and their current state—each property received its own description. There was discussion about previous ownership. Mr. Bruce Capps spoke regarding the previous owners and the price that the City paid to acquire the properties. An open records request was suggested.

**OLD BUSINESS**

COA application 25-005 1230 Rawson Circle for changes to the exterior and reroofing was to be rediscussed, however the applicant Jeannie Chastain (Wayne Yesbick) has yet to be in contact with the Planning and Development Services. Tonie Mitchum, Planner II, has tried to get in touch with the applicant and the owner. The applicant was not present for today’s meeting, and it was discussed that a new Certificate of Appropriateness application should be submitted due to violation of the conditions placed on the previous approval.

**DISCUSSION**

Tonie Mitchum, Planner II, gave a brief update regarding the administrative review of 401 Pine Avenue (the Albany Utilities Building). It was discussed that there were proposed changes to the brick curtain wall and the expansion of a concrete pad for their HVAC systems. It was also noted that the work has already been completed---however, Mr. Forgey approved administratively. An administrative review of 718 W. Second Avenue was also discussed. This was for roof repairs and like materials were going to be used.

Centrell Vicks, Code Enforcement Demo Specialist, did speak to the aforementioned properties located on Mercer Avenue being the only ones that are set to be demolished. There was further discussion regarding other pending code enforcement cases that were not demolitions---Mrs. Vicks noted that there would be follow up regarding those other cases located within the district.

There being no further business, a motion was entertained to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Randall offered a **motion to adjourn** the meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Marcus; the **motion passed** with a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 AM.

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Angie Jones, Presiding Chair

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Tonie Mitchum, Planner II