Albany-Dougherty Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

The Historic Preservation Commission was scheduled to meet in a duly advertised public meeting on Wednesday, March 5, 2024, at 10:00 AM.

**The following Commissioners were present:**

Will Davis

Zachary Giddes

Quianna Lavant (virtual)

King Randall

Matt Trice

Vice-Chair Scott Marcus

**Commissioners Excused:**

William Guin

Chair Angie Jones

**Staff Present:**

Tonie Mitchum, Planner II

Paul Forgey, Director of Planning and Development

Michael Custer, City Attorney

Kraig Clubb, Information Technology

**Others Present:**

Bruce Capps

Marni Smith

Christopher Smith

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by Vice-Chair Marcus who presided over the meeting. A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

February 12, 2025, HPC Regular Meeting

Vice-Chair Marcus 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.

Vice-Chair Marcus entertained a motion for the minutes from the HPC Regular Meeting on February 12, 2025. Commissioner Davis offered a **motion to approve** the draft minutes as written.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Randall; the **motion passed** with the following votes:

Will Davis Yes

Zachary Giddes Yes

William Guin Absent

Quianna Lavant Yes

King Randall Yes

Matt Trice Yes

Vice-Chair Marcus Yes

Chair Angie Jones Absent

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS (COA) APPLICATIONS**

There was one new COA application that needed to be reviewed by the HPC.

**COA #25-006H – 525 W. Broad Avenue.** COA Request by Marni Smith to construct and place a two-car garage in the rear yard on an existing asphalt surface---at the time of the meeting, the structure had already been constructed and placed on the lot.

Planner II – Tonie Mitchum used PowerPoint slides to present the case. The applicant, Marni Smith and her husband, Christopher Smtih, were present and available for questions. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Trice offered a **motion to approve** this COA request to construct and place a two-car garage in the rear yard on an existing asphalt surface. The motion was as follows:

Approve the proposed COA after the fact for the construction and placement of the two-car garage in the rear yard as presented and shown in the case file.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Giddes; the **motion passed** by the following votes.

Will Davis Yes

Zachary Giddes Yes

William Guin Absent

Quianna Lavant Yes

King Randall Yes

Matt Trice Yes

Vice-Chair Marcus Yes

Chair Angie Jones Absent

**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) provided that although they have gathered new roofing materials/solutions as requested, due to issues with the contractors, they are requesting to be put on the agenda for the April Regular Meeting of the HPC. Discussion followed and it was agreed for this to be heard again during the April meeting.

**DISCUSSION**

Tonie Mitchum, Planner II, gave a brief update regarding the administrative review of 506 Corn Avenue—window and door replacement. Code enforcement demolition specialist, Centrell Vicks was absent, however there was discussion about the list of open code violations within the Historic District. The commissioners requested that further information surrounding the cases be gathered from Mrs. Vicks. Commissioner Giddes posed questions regarding grants that are available for the preservation of historic structures like the endowment fund in Americus, any CDBG allocations, or state money that was awarded to Thomasville. Mr. Bruce Capps spoke regarding the funding in Americus. It was discussed that more research should be done to seek out any funding activities. Later it was discussed that there are currently no pending COA applications for the month of April and in the event that Mr. Yesbick needs more time to gather materials and roofing options, then the commission should not meet in April, but in May instead. Discussion followed and the commission agreed.

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 Commissioner Davis; 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