

ATHENS CITY HALL, APRIL 11, 2023 – HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC) MINUTES 6PM

The members of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) of the City of Athens, Alabama met in-person on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 the work session began at 5:45PM and the meeting at 6PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 200 Hobbs ST W, Athens, AL.

The applicants and the public were allowed to participate in-person as well.

Also present: Erin Tidwell (City Planner) and Paige Parker (Planner).

Call Meeting to Order

The Historic Preservation Commission meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by the Chairman, Wayne Kuykendall.

Roll Call of Elected Commissioners

The following Board Members were present:

- Mr. Wayne Kuykendall (Chairman)
- Mrs. Cherry Ward (Commissioner)
- Mr. Frank Crafts (Commissioner)
- Mr. Einar Gudmundsson (Commissioner)
- Mr. William Harbin (Commissioner) - ABSENT

Approval of Minutes – February 14, 2023

- Motion to Approve: Frank Crafts
- Second: Einar Gudmundsson
- Minutes were approved by all members present.

New Business

1.) Public Hearing, CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS:


a.) Scott Marshall at 305 East Green Street – Certificate of Appropriateness – Consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness to allow for maintenance of windows located at the property of 305 E Green Street.

- Erin Tidwell, City Planner, presented the item to the commission members present. She also stated that due to personal circumstances the applicant was unable to attend the meeting so that staff would present the request on behalf of the applicant.
- Wayne Kuykendall asked if the request was for vinyl windows.
- Ms. Tidwell answered yes.
- Mr. Kuykendall stated that vinyl windows were discouraged.
- Ms. Tidwell agreed that the design guidelines do not support vinyl.
- Mr. Kuykendall questioned what was wrong with the current windows.
- Ms. Tidwell answered that some of the windows were broken and had disintegrating paint.
- Mr. Kuykendall recommended that the applicant restore the windows rather than replace them.

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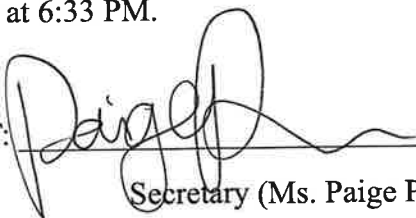
- Ms. Tidwell stated that the applicant was requesting vinyl windows for cost and energy efficiency reasons.
- Mr. Kuykendall explained his own experience with restoring rather than replacing windows and referenced others who had done the same. He stated that they all had success with repairing the windows and that the cost and energy was not affected. He also stated that it was a cheaper alternative to replacing them.
- Frank Crafts seconded Mr. Kuykendall's statement with his own experience.
- Mr. Kuykendall stated that to his knowledge the Historical Preservation Commission has never approved vinyl windows or doors. He mentioned that the glass would be easy to replace and re-glaze. He emphasized that it would be the cheaper option.
- Ms. Tidwell stated that Mr. Marshall did request to use double-hung windows with grids.
- Mr. Crafts stated that it should be replaced with what is currently there.
- Mr. Kuykendall stated that he highly recommends not replacing the windows and to restore the windows instead. He continued that he did not support vinyl windows because the structure is a contributing factor to the historical district now.
- Einar Gudmundsson asked if they could provide alternative options to the applicant.
- Mr. Kuykendall suggested that the applicant use "abatron" to repair the windows.
- Mr. Crafts asked for clarification on abatron.
- Mr. Kuykendall explained the product and how it was used to repair windows.
- Someone asked about the side of the windows
- Ms. Tidwell answered that the windows in consideration would be only for the front of the house.
- The commissioners discussed the wording of the motion.
- Mr. Gudmundsson made a motion to restore the original windows.
 - b.) **"BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ATHENS** to approve the restoration of the original windows using historically accurate, approved materials, specifically abatron where wood rot may exist, for cost effectiveness and forgoing complete replacement of the windows, rejecting vinyl as an acceptable material for windows and doors within the historic district."
- Cherry Anne Ward, seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously by all voting members present.

Having no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM.



Chairman (Mr. Wayne Kuykendall)

ATTEST:



Secretary (Ms. Paige Parker)