

**Call to Order.** The Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Athens, Alabama met in regular session in the City Council Chambers on August 08, 2023 at 6:00 PM, after a short work session.

**Roll Call.** Commission Members Present: Wayne Kuykendall, Cherry Anne Ward, Frank Crafts, Rebekah Davis. Erin Tidwell, City Planner, along with Paige Parker, Planner were also present.

**Discussion.** None.

**Minutes.** Rebekah Davis offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

“BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA, that the minutes for the April 11, 2023 meeting be approved.”

Frank Crafts seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous of the voting members present.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- I. **Public Hearing.** Consider the request of Amy and Harry Golden (209 North Madison Street) for a Certificate of Appropriateness to allow for maintenance, restoration, renovation, and partial demolition.

Ms. Golden, the applicant, explained her request. She and Mr. Golden would like to continue the renovation of their historic home in the Houston Historic District. To do so, they would like to remove a vinyl sunroom and what she believes had once been a porch area to create a kitchen, family room, and sunroom. The process will require some demolition. Materials used will be Hardie Plank siding, three-over-one windows, and all materials will match the original construction.

Mr. Kuykendall asked how much further back the new portion would be compared to what's present. Ms. Golden stated that she believed it would be six feet, and it's within the setback.

Mr. Kuykendall asked how visible the area of construction would be to the road. Ms. Golden answered that it's in the very back of the residence and isn't visible from the road.

Mr. Kuykendall mentioned the change in roofline, and suggested a hip roof to make it appear as though it wasn't an addition. Ms. Golden stated that would be her preference.

Mr. Kuykendall stated that Ms. Golden is putting back what is already there, getting rid of the vinyl, and that it's not visible to the road. He further stated that an addition wouldn't be preferable but an addition already exists.

**Resolution.** Frank Crafts offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Historic Preservation Commission for the City of Athens, Alabama, at its regular meeting on August 08, 2023, that the board does hereby grant a Certificate of Appropriateness too allow for maintenance, restoration, renovation, and partial demolition of the residence at 209 North Madison Street.

Rebekah Davis seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously of the voting members present.

Mr. Kuykendall confirmed with Ms. Golden that Hardie Plank would be used and the windows would match. Ms. Golden stated that she'd be using the Anderson 101 series windows.

II. **Public Hearing.** Consider the request of Amy Crane (211 South Beaty Street) for a Certificate of Appropriateness to allow for the addition of a proposed carport/ pergola.

Jeremiah Wade (502 Bank St. NE Suite C, Decatur) approached on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Wade stated that he's present to review with the Commission the carport structure. The idea is to have the carport mimic a pergola. It's a simple 8x8 square timber structure with heavy timber above and covered with a standing seam 1" batten copper metal roof.

Mr. Kuykendall asked if the roof on the residence had been completed. Mr. Wade answered that nothing was changed, or will change, on the roof of the residence. Mr. Kuykendall reiterated that this request is only referencing the carport/pergola. Mr. Wade confirmed that to be the case.

Mr. Kuykendall stated that the one thing that stands out to him is the arch windows in the back, which really isn't in keeping with the house. However, they're already there and it's a part of the addition.

Mr. Wade answered that the Library of Congress information on the residence shows that the portion of the residence Mr. Kuykendall is referring to as the addition is actually the original portion of the house. Mr. Wade stated that the arch is original. Mr. Kuykendall asked what that portion of the residence would have been in 1830. Mr. Wade answered a dogtrot. Further discussion of the history of the residence continued between Mr. Wade and Mr. Kuykendall. Mr. Kuykendall stated that he didn't believe it went with the Greek revival style. Mr. Wade stated that the single story structure was the original structure, and the two-story structure was added later on with the Greek revival style.

Ms. Davis asked about the structure of the residence, and if the dogtrot was present in the one-story structure and built on top of for the two-story structure. Mr. Wade stated that the

two-story structure was added to the simple single-story structure. In other words, Ms. Davis answered, the larger structure is the “lean-to”.

Mr. Kuykendall looked at the drawings and compared this residence to the Pryor House in that the drawings are from the 1930s. Mr. Wade agreed that by that point, things had already been changed. Mr. Kuykendall stated that this proposal was better than sticking a garage back there.

Mr. Kuykendall asked if the pergola would be topped with a copper roof like the main residence. Mr. Wade agreed.

**Resolution.** Frank Crafts offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Historic Preservation Commission for the City of Athens, Alabama, at its regular meeting on August 08, 2023, that the board does hereby grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to allow for the addition of a proposed carport/pergola to the residence at 211 South Beaty Street.

Cherry Anne Ward seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously of the voting members present.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chairman Kuykendall duly and properly adjourned the meeting by a motion made by Cherry Anne Ward and a second made by Frank Crafts.

  
Chairman

Attest:   
Secretary