

**Call to Order.** The Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Athens, Alabama met in regular session in the City Council Chambers on October 10, 2023 at 6:00 PM, after a short work session.

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

**Discussion.** None.

**Minutes.** Frank Crafts 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 August 8, 2023 meeting be approved.”

Rebekah Davis seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous of the voting members present.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- I. **Public Hearing.** Request of Christina McCartney regarding the consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness to allow for new construction of a detached garage at 510 North Jefferson Street, located in the Houston Historic District.

Mr. Kuykendall asked Ms. Christina McCartney, the applicant, if what’s pictured in the application packet is the exact style she plans to build. Ms. McCartney answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Kuykendall clarified that the building materials will not be board and batten, but clapboard, like the main residence. Ms. McCartney confirmed that the building materials will indeed match the residence.

Ms. Rebekah Davis asked if the privacy fence will go right up to the corner of the detached garage. Ms. McCartney said that it will.

Mr. Kuykendall asked if the siding would be vinyl, hardy, or wood. Ms. McCartney reiterated that it would not be vinyl, but material that matched the main residence. Mr. Kuykendall suggested nichu board as the best material; other materials may be too narrow or too wide.

**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 October 10, 2023, that the board does hereby grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to allow for new

construction of a detached garage at 510 North Jefferson Street, with the condition that clapboard be used and the garage match the main residence.

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

II. **Annual Business.**

a. Election of officers.

Mr. Kuykendall asked if the election of a secretary was necessary. Ms. Erin Tidwell, City Planner, answered that a member of Staff typically serves as secretary.

Mr. Kuykendall asked if prior to electing officers, the Commission needed to vote on any new members. Ms. Tidwell answered that new members to the Commission are generally appointed by the Mayor's office. Mr. Kuykendall stated that he believed that any new members had to be approved by the existing Commission in addition to the Mayor's office and City Council. Ms. Tidwell stated she would verify that; however, historically the Commission makes recommendations on who may be interested in serving on the Commission. That recommendation is taken very seriously by Staff, Ms. Tidwell stated. Mr. Kuykendall recommended Renee Hodges, who is restoring the Pryor home and another residence several houses down.

Mr. Kuykendall went on to say that a recommendation for Chair was needed. Mr. Crafts recommended Mr. Kuykendall.

**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 October 10, 2023, does hereby elect Mr. Kuykendall Kuykendall as Chair.

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

**Resolution.** Rebekah Davis 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 October 10, 2023, does hereby elect Frank Crafts as Vice-Chair.

Mr. Kuykendall Kuykendall seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously of the voting members present.

b. Approval of the HPC 2024 Meeting Calendar.

Mr. Kuykendall asked if the calendar was strictly meeting times. Ms. Paige Parker, Planner, explained that the meeting dates and times would remain the same, the second Tuesday of each month, with the submittal deadlines shifted to 14 days prior to the meeting so that Staff can meet the required advertisement dates.

**Resolution.** Rebekah Davis 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 October 10, 2023, that the board does hereby approve the Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Calendar for the year 2024.

Frank Crafts 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 at 6:15pm.

  
Chairman

Attest:   
Secretary