

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Aberdeen Historic Preservation Commission

February 16, 2015
Monday, 5:00 p.m.

Robert N. Page Municipal Building
Aberdeen, North Carolina

The Aberdeen Historic Preservation Commission met on Monday, February 16, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. for a Regular Meeting. Members present were Chairperson Mollie Wilson, Ernestine Chapman, Jon Ring, Mike Ratkowski and Dell Crumpton. Others in attendance were Planning Director Pamela Graham, Planner Jae Kim and Art Parker.

1. Vice-Chair Mollie Wilson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
2. New Business

All parties who would like to give evidence or testimony were sworn in before doing so.

- a. Consideration of Certificate of Appropriateness COA #10-83 for the installation of an awning and fence at 214 North Poplar Street.

Planner Kim gave a brief introduction on COA #10-83, while discussing some details of the two awnings proposed and the newly designed fence to replace the existing one at 214 N. Poplar Street. A sample of the material for the awning was provided for the members to inspect. The applicant, Art Parker was available to answer any questions from the HPC members.

Dell Crumpton asked if there was any information about the material of the proposed fence. There was a sample picture provided in the packet, but Mr. Parker did state that the material of the fence would be wood.

The awning company provided two separate photoshopped images of what the buildings would look like with the awning installed. Jon Ring asked the type of material used for the awning frame. Mr. Parker was not sure if it was some type of aluminum or tubular framing, but did state it was some type of metal material. His assumption was that it would likely be some sort of steel as opposed to aluminum.

Motion 1 made by Dell Crumpton, seconded by Jon Ring, that the applicant's proposal in regards to the installation of the awnings to the carriage house and main building is compatible with the historic aspects of the Aberdeen Historic District with respect to the following criteria as submitted:

- Regarding Item #6 from the Design Principles and Guidelines – Install fabric awnings over storefronts, if desired and where historically appropriate, so that historic features are not damaged or obscured.

With conditions that:

1. The structural framing of the awning be metal.
 - to be used (texture and patterns, color of authorized)
 - Structural condition and soundness.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion 2 made by Mike Ratkowski, seconded by Jon Ring, that the applicant's proposal in regards to the replacement of the existing lattice-designed fence is compatible with the historic aspects of the Aberdeen Historic District with respect to the following criteria as submitted:

- Regarding the following items from the Design Principles and Guidelines:
 - Item 3: Maintain the masonry, wooden, or metal elements of fences and walls through appropriate methods for the material (Fence should be made from wood).
 - Item 4: Repaint previously painted or stained fences and walls in colors that are appropriate to the historic building or site (Fence should be repainted white).
 - Item 7: Replace severely deteriorated or missing fence or wall with a new fence or wall based upon accurate documentation of the original feature, or a new design compatible with the historic character of the building or the historic district.

Motion unanimously carried.

4. Other Business

- a. Nomination and election of Chair and Vice-Chair for the HPC.

Director Graham stated that Mollie Wilson has been serving as Chairperson of the HPC after Kam Hurst stepped down. She had previously served as Vice-Chair. Director Graham explained how nominations and elections were to operate

according to the HPC's bylaws. The Secretary of the HPC (Director Graham) shall assume the position of Chair to administer the election of the Chair. Director Graham opened the floor for nominations.

Dell Crumpton asked when the terms would end for the currently serving HPC members. Director Graham stated that the next terms to end would be in June of 2016 for the following members: Mollie Wilson, Ernestine Chapman and Jon Ring. In addition, Mike Ratkowski and Dell Crumpton will serve until 2018.

Secretary Graham stated that the Chair and Vice-Chair are to be elected every year in October.

Again, the floor has been opened up for nominations for Chair.

Ernestine Chapman nominated Mollie Wilson for Chair, seconded by Jon Ring.

There were no other nominations for Chair. The Secretary closed the floor for nominations and then asked if the nominee wished to decline her nomination, in accordance with the bylaws. Mollie Wilson did not decline the nomination.

Vote unanimous.

Chairperson Mollie Wilson opened up the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair. Mike Ratkowski nominated Jon Ring for Vice-Chair, seconded by Dell Crumpton.

Jon Ring accepted the nomination for Vice-Chair.

Vote unanimous.

b. Additional training information.

Chairperson Wilson discussed the recent training session that was held in Pinehurst on February 11, 2015. HPC members Wilson, Ratkowski, and Crumpton attended the session including staff. Chairperson Wilson stated that she would make available her copies of the session to let anyone else borrow and read through the materials.

Several other members discussed their impressions and lessons learned from the training session as well as aspects of the tour of downtown Pinehurst.

A brief discussion was held about the property that the Friends of the Library has shown interest as the possible future site for a downtown library. Director Graham reiterated the role of the HPC and clarified information that

has been attributed to the site and the historic status of the home. She discussed that there is a process to go through if the Friends of the Library decides to purchase the property and submit request for demolition.

5. Adjourn

A motion was made by Dell Crumpton to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ernestine Chapman.

Motion unanimously carried.



Jae Kim, Planner
Minutes were completed in
Draft form on 2/20/15



Mollie Wilson, Chairperson
Minutes were approved
on 3/16/15