

Historic Preservation Board

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The Historic Board was called to order by Chairman Robbi Correa.

The following members were present: Lynda Little Crabill, Mark Miles, Larry Beaton and Elizabeth Van Rensberg. The following member was absent: Robert Goodwin

Staff present: Director of Building & Zoning Debbie Banks and Recording Secretary Deena McCamey.

Approval of Minutes - Motion made by Mr. Miles with second by Ms. Crabill. All those present voted affirmative, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Case HB 10-32 **Address:** 810 Carr St.
Applicant: Mary E. Heard/Kenneth Heard

Request: For a Certificate of Appropriateness for alterations, repairs, siding replacement and painting

Mr. Kenneth Heard told the Board that he had only been trying to make repairs to his mother's house and did not realize he was not using the correct material. He said he has since talked to City staff and understands what has to be done and had gone to Brunner's Building Supply and found the correct size of lap siding which they called novelty pine wood. He listed the other materials and costs of each with the total being about \$832. He asked if the Board would allow him time to purchase the materials since he and his mother are both on Social Security and they couldn't afford to buy everything all at once, he said he can do a little bit at a time if the Board will allow him.

Ms. Van Rensberg asked Mr. Heard if what he plans to do is what the City has requested him to do to correct the problem. She wished that every applicant who comes to the Board had such a clear idea and a plan already looked and she commended him for doing all the work.

Ms. Correa asked what kind of window frames are in the house.

Mr. Heard said the windows are the same as what were there when they moved in which is aluminum.

Mr. Miles said he hated to allow another mistake, he doesn't believe aluminum windows are appropriate and he doesn't believe the Board should endorse them in the Historic District. This will be an opportunity to correct any former wrongs made 10 years ago, not by the homeowner but by some former group or committee. He asked if there were TIF funds available for this issue.

Ms. Correa explained Mr. Heard's house is located in the South Historic District but it is not within the South TIF District, it is though in the Central Business TIF District (CBD). She also explained the CRA is looking at a residential grant funding for property owners within the CBD, but this may not come into effect until early next year. She also said that Main Street is sanctioning it to come to the CRA probably by December but the reality is by the time it happens it may not start until the new

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year. She is ok with Mr. Heard waiting to do it right. As it is now the house is in violation and when the funds are available he will be first in line for eligibility for the grant funding.

Mr. Miles said that in addition to the aluminum windows needing to be corrected, the photographs showing the Florida Master Site file and of the present appearance, there are a few key differences and he wanted to point out. He said the present photographs show no shrubbery, no shutters, the painting and siding issues are evident and with the old Master Site File showing the house with the lawn, shrubbery and shutters it looks like a different house and this will be an opportunity to take advantage and bring this house back to its original appearance like the photo from the Florida Master Site file.

Ms. Correa said Mr. Heard was aware of some home improvement program going on in the South TIF District and that his house did not fall into that, but the CBD will be the same concept and he would be eligible because he would fall into the boundaries of that district.

Mr. Heard said that's how he got confused because when he saw the TIF District doing all of the improvements he thought he was in the Historical District, when he talked to someone about it they said he wasn't in the Historic District, but what they were telling him was he wasn't in the TIF District, he said it was just miscommunication. That's when he decided he needed to do something. He said he didn't mean to cause all this but he was just trying to do the right thing.

Ms. Van Rensberg said it sounded like a mixed blessing. If the house is tight meaning water proof, weather proof or any safety issue, she recommended to table this until such time comes when Mr. Heard can get on the list for the CBD.

Ms. Correa said the Board can approve it based on reverting it back using the Florida Master Site File as a template or design but it shows it with the aluminum windows. With it being in the Historic District it would need to include adding wooden windows and Mr. Heard would have to determine some color choices from the Historical Color Chart.

Ms. Van Rensberg said since the house is in Code Violation they will become one of the first homeowners that will be addressed under the Central Business District home improvement program.

Ms. Crabill asked if this will stop any Code Violations or Halt them.

Ms. Banks said she believed the Code Board will be amenable to that.

Ms. Crabill said she wanted to make sure that if by delaying this he's not going to be paying more money every day and hurting his Code Case.

Ms. Banks said there is not a daily fine on his house.

Mr. Miles said that with the interest of the neighbors he would like to see some activity sooner rather than later, but with the financial challenges he understands and he recommended Mr. Heard should take advantage of those programs as much as possible. He said there are things that can be done in

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the mean time like adding cheap shrubs, purchase a garden hose and add some sod, things like that can be done between now and then to show good faith.

Ms. Van Rensberg cautioned Mr. Heard to keep the pots the shrubs come in because you will be pulling them out when the work starts up on his house and they will need to be removed.

Ms. Correa asked if anyone from the public wished to speak and they declined.

Motion by Mr. Miles to approve the application as submitted, with the correction of windows, doors and properly approved color selection as per the photo sample from the Florida Master Site file. Second made by Mr. Beaton. All those present voted affirmative. Motion passed.

Other Business- Mr. Miles discussed the City Commission minutes concerning the Board's request to adopt a Paint Color Chart. He stated he did not think the Commission understood what the Board wanted and asked the Board if they should pursue the issue. It was the consensus of the Board that they wait until next year.

Mr. Miles inquired as to what the rule was pertaining to what time their Board meetings were held and that it was difficult for him to get back from south Florida to attend the meetings. Also he thought there may be more participation from the public if the meetings were held at 7:00PM. No one would have to take off work to attend the meetings.

Ms. Banks said staff would have overtime which was not budgeted for but would have to be taken off during regular working hours.

Mr. Miles said it would be worth it to him to pay Ms. McCamey for her overtime if the meetings could be moved. He requested this be discussed at the next meeting.

Ms. Van Rensberg asked why people are allowed to park on the rights of ways in the Historic Districts. She had been told it is ok to park between the sidewalk and the curb. If that's the way it had always been, how can it be changed.

Ms. Banks said get her a list of addresses and she will have code enforcement write them up.

Mr. Beaton asked what was going to happen with the block porch at 622 River Street, is it going to be concealed to not show the concrete block. He stated that the block foundation was not approved by the Board. He suggested adding a façade to cover up the block outlines.

Ms. Banks said that if the plans don't specify in the review and the Board didn't ask, then it would have been approved.

Ms. Crabill said she did not think it was mentioned that it was going to be a concrete block foundation at the original meeting.

Mr. Beaton suggested any kind of treatment to conceal the block surface would be fine, since that house is such a historical home.

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Ms. Banks said staff will pull the folders and get with the Chief Building Official.

Ms. McCamey told the Board when it comes to permitting the CBO reviews the same plans the Board approves.

Motion- made by Mr. Miles to adjourn. Second by Ms. Crabill. All those present voted affirmative.

Meeting adjourned at 4:47pm.