

**MINUTES OF HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
JULY 12, 2007**

Members Present

Jennifer Norris, Murray Goodwin, Ron Askew, John Kish

Staff Present

Rhonda Smith, Wilfredo Bonilla

Pre-Meeting

The pre-meeting began at approximately 5:50 pm. Minutes from the June 14, 2007 meeting were not reviewed or approved because there were not enough members present who had attended the meeting. These minutes will be reviewed next month. The administrative and zoning reports will be given at this meeting.

Ms. Norris expressed her concerns about the applications not being complete. Mr. Bonilla said that applications did not have to be placed on the agenda if they did not have enough information per the guidelines. Ms. Smith asked if she had to make judgments on the content of the information submitted. She was told that this was not necessary; however, she could refuse to place applications on the agenda if information was incomplete. Large samples such as bricks, boards and siding could be brought to the meetings by the applicants.

Regular Agenda

1107 Rodgers Street – Rebuild porch ceiling, handrails and porch deck. House is contributing. *Continued item.* The applicants appeared with additional pictures. During the review, the applicants asked for additional related work to be considered. Mr. Kish made a motion to (1) approve the rebuild of the porch ceiling with custom bead board, painted white because half of the ceiling is now plywood; the other half is bead board. (2) Remove the concrete steps and replace in wood because the two concrete steps are not original and wood steps are more accurate. (3) Remove the handrails that are not original and add handrails that match in white. (4) Replace porch deck in wood in tongue and groove, painted gray. (5) Remove and replace awnings after work is completed. All items are in keeping with the guidelines of the Historic District. Mr. Askew offered a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

1433 Seaboard Avenue – Replace doors. House is contributing. *Continued item.* The applicants presented additional pictures of the doors. The rear door was removed from review because it could not be seen from a paved public right-of-way. Board members could not determine from the evidence presented that the door was damaged beyond repair. Issues involved whether the door or the

frame was bowed or whether an appropriate locking system could be added for security. Mr. Goodwin made a motion to deny the application due to the lack of information provided. There was insufficient evidence to prove the damage. Mr. Kish offered a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

1207 Seaboard Avenue – Install vinyl siding. House is contributing. The applicant presented pictures of the condition of the existing clapboard. Mr. Kish referred to the guidelines regarding conditions for consideration to replace clapboard. The Board felt that there was not enough evidence of deterioration and that additional pictures should be taken. Mr. Kish made a motion to continue the application for pictures of the house from all sides. Mr. Goodwin offered a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

907 Ohio Street – After the fact skirt repair. House is contributing. The application was determined not to be necessary. The repair was made to an item that was in place prior to the adoption of the Historic District. The applicant filed in response to a Notice of Violation that he received and subsequent court date. The applicant was advised to contact the zoning division of Neighborhood Services to resolve the issue. The applicant had paid the after the fact fee to Planning which will be refunded.

1229 Decatur Street – Install vinyl siding, soffit, trim, storm door, front door, gutters and downspouts. House is contributing. Submitted pictures of the door and storm door were reviewed at length. The existing front and storm doors were styles that would not be approved by current standards; however, if the applicant wanted to replace them like for like, it would be approved. The submitted doors were not styles that would be approved. The applicant agreed to replace to replace the front door in the six panel solid style. There was additional review of the submitted storm door which was slightly different from the full view door that was the standard usually approved administratively or by the Board. Mr. Kish made a motion to approve (1) removal of existing metal siding and soffit install vinyl siding as submitted in white. (2) Install G-8 trim around fascia, rake boards, doors and windows as submitted. (3) Install submitted self storing storm door. The submitted door does not exactly meet guidelines for installation of storm doors, however, it is an improvement from the existing storm door that was installed prior to the Historic District and as such, meets the guidelines. (4) Install gutters and downspouts as submitted in white. (5) Replace any rotten wood as needed. (6) Replace front door in six panel solid as modified during the meeting. (7) Replace existing columns with submitted columns in four to eight inch diameter. All items are in keeping with the guidelines of the Historic District. Mr. Goodwin offered a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

1238 Rodgers Street – Install porch rails. House is contributing. Continued item. The applicant presented samples and pictures of the railing to be installed. There were questions about the house ever having porch rails. The applicant did not have evidence of previous rails. Mr. Goodwin estimated that the height of the

porch required porch rails. Board members advised here that the submitted rails were not the type of railings for a contributing structure. The applicant asked if she could re-apply in about a year with the correct type of porch rails. She was told that she could do this. Mr. Kish made a motion to deny the application because the submitted rails were not in keeping with the guidelines of the Historic District. Mr. Goodwin offered a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

1413 Jackson Avenue – Install safety railing. House is contributing. The applicant was not present to consider changing the width of the submitted rails. Mr. Goodwin was familiar with the applicant and the house. He mentioned that the rails at 1414 Jackson Avenue (across the street) were the type of rails that would be appropriate. He said that he would speak to the applicant during his rounds in the area. Mr. Goodwin made a motion to continue the application for additional information. Mr. Askew offered a second to the motion. Motion carried. Ms. Smith said that she would include the suggestion about 1414 Jackson Avenue in her letter to the applicant.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.