

MINUTES
OF THE CITY OF MURFREESBORO
HISTORIC ZONING COMMISSION
City Hall, 111 W. Vine Street, Council Chambers

July 18, 2023 3:30PM

Members Present:

Jeff Davis, Vice-Chair

Gib Backlund

David Becker

Deborah Belcher

Chase Salas

Jim Thompson

Marimae White

Members Absent:

Bill Jakes, Chair

Linda Anderson

Staff Present:

Matthew Blomeley, Assistant Planning Director

Amelia Kerr, Planner

Roman Hankins, Assistant City Attorney

Ashley Fulghum, Recording Assistant

1. Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum:

Ms. Amelia Kerr called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum was present.

2. Public Comments:

Ms. Kerr explained the newly introduced Public Comments section.

3. Election of Officers for 2023-2024:

Mr. Jim Thompson motioned to nominate Mr. Bill Jakes as Chair; the motion was seconded by Mr. Chase Salas and was carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gib Backlund

David Becker

Deborah Belcher

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Vice-Chair Jeff Davis

Chase Salas

Jim Thompson

Marimae White

Nay:

None

Mr. Jim Thompson motioned to nominate Mr. Jeff Davis as Vice-Chair; the motion was seconded by Mr. Gib Backlund and was carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gib Backlund

David Becker

Deborah Belcher

Chase Salas

Jim Thompson

Marimae White

Nay:

None

Abstain:

Vice-Chair Jeff Davis

4. Consideration of Minutes:

Mr. David Becker moved to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2023 Historic Zoning Commission meeting as submitted; the motion was seconded by Mr. Chase Salas and was carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gib Backlund

David Becker

Deborah Belcher

Vice-Chair Jeff Davis

Chase Salas

Jim Thompson

Marimae White

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Nay:

None

5. New Business:

a. Application [H-23-008] 137 Cherry Lane, John & Peggy Taylor requesting review for driveway gate with fencing and shutters at an existing single-family residence.

Ms. Kerr presented the Staff Comments regarding this item, a copy of which is maintained in the permanent files of the Planning Department and is incorporated into these minutes by reference.

The applicants' representative, Mr. James Taylor, was present to answer questions.

1. Driveway Gate with Fencing

Mr. Jim Thompson inquired about the style of the gate and if it would be electrified. Mr. Taylor responded that it would not be electrified at this time.

Mr. Becker asked what the existing fence on the south of the property was made of. Mr. Taylor replied that it is chain link.

Vice-Chair Davis inquired about the location of the gate in relation to the house. Mr. Taylor responded that it will be to the right.

Mr. Thompson inquired about the height of the fence. Mr. Taylor responded that it will be 4-4 1/2 feet tall. Mr. Chase Salas asked if the height of the new fence would match the existing fence. Mr. Taylor responded that the current fence is 4 feet tall, and the new fence would match.

The Commission, Staff and applicant discussed the existing fence.

Mr. Backlund moved to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Ms. Deborah Belcher and carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gib Backlund

David Becker

Deborah Belcher

Vice-Chair Jeff Davis

Chase Salas

Jim Thompson

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Nay:

None

2. Shutters

Mr. Thompson asked when the home was purchased. Mr. Taylor responded 2012. Mr. Thompson inquired if the shutters were on the home at that time. Mr. Taylor confirmed that they were.

Mr. Thompson inquired if the applicant received permission to remove the shutters. Mr. Taylor responded that he did not.

Mr. Thompson asked the applicant to describe the brick damage. Mr. Taylor replied that there are white scuffs where the shutters were. Mr. Thompson inquired if the home had been power washed. Mr. Taylor stated that it had been.

Mr. Thompson stated that the style of the home did not typically have shutters.

The Commission, Staff and Mr. Taylor discussed the material, size and operability of the proposed shutters. The Commission further reiterated that shutters are not a typical feature of a Tudor style home.

Vice-Chair Davis asked the applicant if an acid wash could be done. Mr. Taylor responded that the home has been acid and pressure washed.

The Commission, Staff and the applicant discussed deferring the request for one year to give the brick time to weather. Mr. Thompson clarified that if the request gets deferred, it could still be denied when it comes back before the Commission. Mr. Taylor confirmed that he understands.

Ms. Belcher moved to defer the request for one year. The motion was seconded by Mr. David Becker and carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gib Backlund

David Becker

Deborah Belcher

Vice-Chair Jeff Davis

Chase Salas

Jim Thompson

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Marimae White

Nay:

None

6. Staff Reports and Other Business

Ms. Kerr updated the Commission on the Historical District Study performed by Mr. Robert Lewis. There are many homes in the district that are now contributing structures. A boundary extension has not been proposed at this time.

7. Adjourn

Mr. Becker motioned to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and was carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gib Backlund

David Becker

Deborah Belcher

Vice-Chair Jeff Davis

Chase Salas

Jim Thompson

Marimae White

Nay:

None

CHAIRMAN OR VICE-CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY