



**CITY OF ST. MARYS**  
418 OSBORNE STREET  
ST. MARYS, GEORGIA 31558

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES** **FEBRUARY 25, 2014**

The meeting began at 5:30 PM.

HPC roll call indicated there was a quorum present for the meeting. The following committee members were present: Kay Westberry, Tim Ward, Chris Thurner, George Beaver, James Stacy and Richard Arrington. Winona Hartung was not in attendance.

Roger Weaver & Michele Wood represented the Planning Department.

**APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 21, 2014 MEETING MINUTES:** *George Beaver made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted; second by James Stacy. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.*

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **TREES:** William Hoylman, Sr., 109 W. Bryant Street, St. Marys, GA 31558 has submitted a Certificate of Appropriateness request for approval to remove two pecan trees at 109 W. Bryant Street. The property is zoned R-1, Tax Parcel S41 07 012.

*Mr. Hoylman was not in attendance of the meeting. Mr. Hoylman's request was postponed until the March 18, 2014 HPC Meeting.*

2. **FENCE/SIGNAGE:** Marie Boyett, 475 Lanier Avenue, Kingsland, GA 31548 has submitted a Certificate of Appropriateness request to construct a 32', 4 inch stockade fence and a 47 ½" x 24" sign to be located at 111 Osborne Street. The property is zoned C-1, Tax Parcel S41 08 009.

**SIGNAGE:** *Ms. Marie Boyett presented her request to the HPC. Ms. Boyett shared that the sign was going to be constructed of cypress wood with raised lettering to be attached to the existing sign posts that were formally used by the previous tenants. Tim Ward made a motion to approve the request as submitted; second by George Beaver. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.*

**FENCE:** *Ms. Boyett shared that she would like to place an 8' privacy fence between her business at 111 Osborne Street and Seagle's Restaurant. There is presently lattice separating the patio area of Seagle's Restaurant from 111 Osborne Street. There was some discussion regarding the structure being considered more as a wall to separate the two businesses instead of a fence. The applicant was advised the finished side of the fence should be directed towards Ms. Boyett's business and the applicant would apply an opaque stain finish to the fence. Tim Ward made a motion to approve the request with the applicant agreeing to the place the finished side of the fence toward her business and applying the opaque stain; second by James Stacy. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.*

3. **ALTERATION/FENCE:** Thomas A. Cyphers, 206 W. Bryant Street, St. Marys, GA 31558 has submitted a Certificate of Appropriateness request to replace the existing porch roof and add a fence and gate to the south side of the property at 409 A Norris Street. The property is zoned R-1, Tax Parcel S37 11 010.

*Thomas Cyphers presented his request to the HPC. There were no comments or questions from the public. George Beaver made a motion to approve the request as submitted; second by James Stacy. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.*

4. **FENCE:** The Oak Grove Cemetery Authority has submitted a Certificate of Appropriateness request for a 120' field wire fence to be located at the south end of Oak Grove Cemetery, Tax Parcel S40-01-003.

*Kay Westberry recused herself as chair to present this request on behalf of the Cemetery Authority. As Vice Chair, Tim Ward conducted this portion of the meeting. Ms. Westberry explained the purpose of the fence was to block public access from Chelsea Place for golf carts, other small vehicles and dogs entering into the cemetery. George Beaver made a motion to approve the request as submitted; second by Richard Arrington. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.*

#### **DISCUSSION:**

- **HPC Sign Ordinance & The HPC Code Revision** – Ms. Westberry discussed with the HPC the revisions that were being made to the HPC Ordinance. There were no comments or questions from the public. George Beaver made a motion to approve the request with a few minor changes that had been discussed in the meeting; second by Richard Arrington. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion. The previously HPC approved ordinance section regarding signage within the historic district and the revisions for the HPC ordinance approved by the HPC at this meeting will be placed on the March 17, 2014 for City Council approval.
- **303 Weed Street** – George Beaver discussed that the property owner, Mr. Hicks, appears to be continuing to make changes to the property without receiving HPC approval. Roger Weaver, Planning Director, stated the Planning Department will contact Mr. Hicks requesting he meet with the Planning Department to discuss any further plans he may have regarding this property.
- **111 Wheeler Street** – Concerns were expressed regarding the structure being allowed to continue to deteriorate. Mr. Weaver shared that Ms. Henry had contacted the office a few weeks ago stating she was looking for another contractor to look at possibly repairing the structure. Mr. Weaver stated the Planning Department would contact Ms. Henry to verify what her plans are for the structure and to inform her that the structure would at least need to be boarded up to make it weather tight or the City would do so and place a lien on the property.
- **HPC Annual Report** – Ms. Westberry informed the HPC members that she would be making the annual HPC report to City Council at the March 17<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING:** George Beaver made a motion to adjourn the meeting; second by Tim Ward. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM.