



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

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 19, 2012

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: Rosemary Rillo, Tim Ward, Kay Westberry, Chris Thurner, George Beaver, and James Stacy. Winona Hartung was not in attendance.

Roger Weaver represented the Planning Department.

Visitors: John Morrissey, Council member.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 15, 2012 MEETING MINUTES: *Chris Thurner made a motion to approve the May 15, 2012 minutes as presented; Second Mr. Ward. All were in favor.*

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Lucy Lyons P.O. Box 2043, Highlands, NC requested approval of repair of storm damage to the existing porch roof at 104 E. Weed Street. The Building Department approved the using standing seam metal roof this as an emergency repair, but Ms. Lyons requested forma approval as part of her original approval for repairs to the residence.

Motion by Mr. Ward and Second by Mr. Stacy to approve the roof as presented. All were in favor. Ms. Lyons noted that the color of the roof was to be natural (gray).

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **COA-Outbuilding:** Fred Mercier, 213 Osborne Street, St. Marys, GA 31558 is requesting approval to construct an 8' x 8' garden shed in the rear of the property at 213 Osborne Street. The property is zoned R-1, Tax Parcel S41-06-013.

Motion to approve as presented by Ms. Rillo; Second by Mr. Beaver. All were in favor.

2. **COA - New Construction/Alterations:** Joe & Ronnie Tucker, 214 W. Conyers Street, St. Marys, GA 31558 is requesting approval to construct a new 10' x 16' deck, add a 10' x 24' front second story porch, replace and add fencing, removal of two trees and replace driveway. The property is zoned R-1, Tax Parcel S37-08-008.

Motion to approve as presented by Mr. Thurner; Second by Mr. Beaver. All were in favor.

3. **Temporary Banner for Latte Da Coffee Shop:** *Mr. Mark Thornton of the Latte Da coffee shop requested the HPC review his request to place a temporary banner for his business until the permanent sign is ready. The permanent sign will match the previously approved sign in size and will have scalloped edges and fonts similar to the other signs on the building. Although this was not on the agenda, the HPC noted to Mr. Thornton that the banner was acceptable as a temporary measure, and, if the sign was the same as the prior sign, no COA was necessary.*

DISCUSSION:

1. **Certificate for Waterfront Park Employee:** *Ms. Westberry made this presentation to Jeff Berg and it was VERY well received by Council and Mr. Berg.*
2. **Trees for the Baptist Church:** *The church has isolated the tree roots from cars driving over them.*
3. **Report on Revision to Skirting at the Blue Goose:** *This has been done and is acceptable to all.*
4. **Building & Tree Damage From Tropical Storm Beryl:** *There were 66 trees down throughout the City, and one tree damaged the Blue Goose roof and the Lyons roof as well as other non Historic District buildings. Repairs to match existing are underway. No review by the HPC is required, and the Building Department will monitor the work.*
5. **Repairs to the Old Library:** *This has been completed with no revision to the building. This building is not within the limits of the Historic District.*
6. **HPC Training:** *Ms. Westberry outlined one of the seminars she attended, and will make the summary available to the HPC members.*
7. **Latte Da Coffee Shop Signage:** *As part of the discussion on the Latte Da Coffee shop signage, there was discussion on the sandwich signs. The Planning Commission is also discussing this issue and a joint meeting will be appropriate in the near future to share concerns about these and other sign related issues for signs within the Historic District.*
8. **Appreciation of Service:** *Mr. Morrissey was in attendance to thank the HPC for their work and dedication to the preservation of the City's historic assets.*

GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC – *No comments.*

Next Public Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission: The next regular monthly meeting will be July 17, 2012 at 5:30PM in the Council Chambers at 418 Osborne Street, St. Marys, GA.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING:

Mr. Ward made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by George Beaver. All were in favor to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:01PM.

GENERAL NOTES FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING:

All items presented and discussed at the meeting were presented in an open forum so that the audience heard any discussions concerning applications. Due to technical difficulties, this meeting was not voice recorded.