



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

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
January 17, 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: Tim Ward, Kay Westberry, Chris Thurner and James Stacy. Rosemary Rillo was late in arrival. George Beaver was not in attendance.

Roger Weaver and Michele Wood represented the Planning Department.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 15, 2011 MEETING MINUTES:

The December 20, 2011 HPC Meeting had been cancelled due to no items submitted for review. *Chris Thurner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by James Stacy. All were in favor.*

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **COA – ALTERATION:** - Keith Buchanan, 27 Trout Farm Lane, Plympton, MA 02367 is requesting approval to replace an existing front door at 204 E. Conyers Street. The property is zoned R-1, Tax Parcel S41-03-012.

Art Beach, Coastal Remodeling, represented Mr. Buchanan to the HPC. Mr. Beach shared the applicant's wish to replace the existing exterior front door with a door more compatible with the era of the home. There were no comments or questions from the public. Motion was made by Tim Ward to approve the request; Second by Chris Thurner. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

2. **COA – ALTERATION:** - St. Marys Convention & Visitors Bureau, 111 Osborne Street, St. Marys, GA 31558 is requesting approval to add a non-permanent carport canopy at 111 Osborne Street. The property is zoned C-1, Tax Parcel S41-08-009.

Angela Wigger, Director of St. Marys Convention & Visitors Bureau, presented the request to the HPC submitting two different styles for approval within their desired price range. Ms. Wigger shared the structure would be in the rear of the building several feet from the street and right-of-way. There were no questions or comments from the public. Motion was made by James Stacy to approve both options as presented; Second by Tim Ward. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

3. **COA – ALTERATION:** - Donna Boyett, Southern Antiques & Interiors, 122-C Osborne Street, St. Marys, GA 31558 is requesting approval to change the front facade at 122-C Osborne Street. The property is zoned C-1, Tax Parcel S41-09-003.

Ms. Boyett was not present for the meeting. The request was postponed until the February HPC meeting.

4. **COA – FENCE:** - Lance & Aspen Robinson, 310 Osborne Street, St. Marys, GA 31558 is requesting approval to extend the front fence to be flush with neighbor’s fence using the same color and materials as is presently there. The property is zoned C-1, Tax Parcel S41-02-002.

Mr. Weaver explained staff had informed the Robinson’s they would not be required to attend the meeting. Due to the applicant using the same materials and design as the existing fence, the decision could be made by the Planning Director. However since there was an upcoming meeting, Mr. Weaver decided to go ahead and submit the request for HPC approval. Motion was made by Tim Ward to approve the request; Second by Rosemary Rillo. The vote was unanimous in favor of the request.

DISCUSSION:

- **ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – Motion was made by James Stacy to retain the same officers for 2012; Second by Rosemary Rillo. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.
- **2012 HPC TRAINING CONFERENCE** – Motion was made by Tim Ward to have the Planning Department staff look into the costs involved in sending the HPC Chair, or designee, to the 2012 Training Conference in Valdosta, Georgia; Second by Rosemary Rillo. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.
- **DIRECTIONAL SIGNS IN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT:** General Discussion on sandwich signs and directional signage. No motion was sought.
- **JOSEPH McCOLLOUGH/502 READY STREET** – A question was addressed to the Planning Department regarding the June 27, 2011 decision of the HPC in which Mr. McCollough agreed to remove the east wall of the side porch facing Dillingham Street and install a porch rail to match the existing porch. Roger Weaver, Planning Director, stated he would go by and address the issue with Mr. McCollough personally.
- **B HOSTED HOLIDAY SIGNS** – Mr. Weaver agreed the property owner had not been in compliance with our present sign ordinance. Mr. Weaver did explain the City is in the process of revising the present sign ordinance to possibly allow business owners to include their business names on holiday displays in residential neighborhoods with approval of the new sign ordinance by Planning Commission and City Council. It was agreed by consensus that property owners in the District will be advised to seek HPC approval for the installation of any signs prior to the installing any seasonal decorations.

GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC – No comments.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING:

Mr. Stacy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Tim Ward. All were in favor to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:10PM.