

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2008
DOTHAN, ALABAMA**

The Historic Preservation Commission held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 14, 2008, at 4:00 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers, Dothan, Alabama.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wendell Stepp – Chairman
Ed Vaughn – Vice-Chairman
Robin Rainer
Wes Grant
Barbara Vann
Paul Woodham
Art Morris (Arrived late)
John Milner (Arrived late)

OTHERS PRESENT were Mrs. Dawn Wrinn, Staff Planner; Todd McDonald, Planning & Development Director; and Mrs. Lee Ann Irwin, Secretary who recorded the meeting.

- 1. Election of Officers – The Commission agreed to move this item to the end of the agenda.** Vice-Chairman Vaughn made a motion to re-elect Wendell Stepp as Chairman. Chairman Stepp stated that due to health reasons he would rather the Commission elect a new Chairman. ***Vice-Chairman Vaughn made a motion to elect Robin Rainer as Chairman. Ms. Vann seconded. The motion passed by an 8-0 vote. Ms. Vann made a motion to re-elect Mr. Vaughn as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Grant seconded. The motion passed by an 8-0 vote.*** Robin Rainer is the new Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission. Ed Vaughn is the Vice-Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission.
- 2. Approve Minutes from January 15, 2008 meeting.** Mr. Grant made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Vice-Chairman Vaughn seconded. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote. (Morris and Milner had not yet arrived.)

Old Business

- A.) Rehearing of approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness to demolish the building located at 111 N. St. Andrews St., Downtown Dothan Redevelopment Authority.** Chairman Stepp stated that this approval could not be reheard and would stand approved. According to "Robert's Rules of Order", the motion to rehear the approval would had to have been made at the same meeting as the approval and the motion to rehear would had to have been made by a member on the prevailing side.

New Business

- A.) Case No. HPC-COA-004-08: Request a Certificate of Appropriateness to demolish the structure at 405 North Appletree Street, B-1 District, City of Dothan.** Mr. McDonald represented the City on behalf of this request. Mr. McDonald stated that to rehabilitate this house would be cost prohibitive. The City requests to demolish the building and replace it with parking space for the old fire station which the Police Department intends to use. Mr. Rainer asked if there were any historical significance associated with the home. Chairman Stepp stated that his research showed no historical significance except for the age of the home. ***Mr. Rainer made a motion to approve this request. Mr. Grant seconded. The motion passed by an 8-0 vote.***
- B.) Case No. HPC-COA-005-08: Request a Certificate of Appropriateness to demolish the building located at 153 East Main Street, B-1 District, Downtown Dothan Redevelopment Authority.** Mr. McDonald and Mr. James Grant (DDRA Chairman) represented this request. Mr. McDonald stated that the

previous owner of the property had intended to rehabilitate the building but ran into structural issues on the southeast corner of the building. The DDRA offered to purchase the property and the owner agreed to sell the property. The DDRA wishes to demolish this structure in order to provide parking for the Southtrust bank building. Vice-Chairman Vaughn asked how many parking spaces the demolition of this building would provide. J. Grant stated it would provide 10 parking spaces and green space. ***Mr. Rainer made a motion to approve this request. W. Grant seconded. The motion passed by an 8-0 vote.***

- C.) Case No. HPC-COA-006-08: Request a Certificate of Appropriateness to restore or replace canopy on front of building, B-1 District, 147 North Foster St., Butler Electronics.** Frank Wilkerson represented this request. Mr. Wilkerson is requesting to replace the canopy on the front of the building. His proposal for the canopy is to reflect the Bistro canopy in color and height, which is black. There will be three canvas canopies of the same height with lighting underneath. ***Vice-Chairman Vaughn made a motion to approve this request as presented to the Commission. Mr. Morris seconded. The motion passed by an 8-0 vote.***
- D.) Case No. HPC-COA-007-08: Request a Certificate of Appropriateness to install an 8 ft. black chain link fence around parking lot, B-1 District, 401 N. Foster St., Houston County Commission.** Sean Curtis represented this request. Mr. Curtis stated the County is requesting to fence in this parking lot for security reasons. The fence will be a black powder coated 8 ft. chain link fence. ***W. Grant made a motion to approve this request as presented to the Commission. Mr. Rainer seconded. The motion passed by an 8-0 vote.***
- E.) Case No. HPC-COA-008-08: Request a Certificate of Appropriateness for a bedroom and bathroom addition, R-100-S District, 329 Woodland Dr., Brett and Amanda Love.** Brett Love represented this request. Mr. Love stated that the proposed addition will reflect the neighborhood. Mr. Love presented the plans to the Commission. ***Vice-Chairman Vaughn made a motion to approve this request as presented to the Commission. Ms. Vann seconded. The motion passed by an 8-0 vote.***
- F.) Case No. HPC-COA-009-08: Request a Certificate of Appropriateness to erect a wall sign, B-1 District, 108 East Troy St., Green & Phillips, Attorneys at Law, LLC.** There being no one present to represent this request ***Mr. Morris made a motion to table for 30 days. Mr. Woodham seconded. The motion passed by an 8-0 vote.***

Mr. McDonald stated that at a previous meeting he had distributed copies of the proposed Overlay District and Design Manual. He requested the Commission call him if there were any questions or comments concerning these documents to call him. The Planning Commission will be discussing the documents at their meeting on Wednesday, February 20, 2008.

3. Adjourn

Wendell Stepp, Chairman

Lee Ann Irwin, Secretary