

**ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 2023**

The Athens-Clarke County Historic Preservation Commission met and considered the following items at a public meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at 120 W. Dougherty Street, Athens, Georgia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joanna Beckman, Bobbie Epting, Heather Fletcher (Chair,) Lindsey Roper, Worth VanLinden, Ellen Walker, Thomas White

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Sandy Beasley, Amber Eskew, Austin Jackson (ACC Attorney's Office), Bruce Lonnee

CALL TO ORDER:

1. Determination of Quorum: Quorum present
2. Introduction of staff reports and all other documents submitted to the Historic Preservation Commission at this meeting into the official record: Motion to receive all documents into the official record passed unanimously.
3. Adoption of the minutes of the February 15, 2023 agenda review: Motion to adopt the minutes of the February 15, 2023 agenda review passed unanimously.
4. Adoption of the minutes of the February 15, 2023 meeting: Motion to adopt the minutes of the February 15, 2023 meeting passed unanimously.
5. Ex-Parte communications: none

OLD BUSINESS: None

1. 169 Virginia Avenue

COA-2023-02-0226

Petitioner: Lee Smith for Deidre Dunphy
Request: Modify Rear Openings
Information: 163C3, C010, Boulevard, RS-8

Ms. Eskew presented the staff report with a recommendation to approve the application with conditions.

Agent / Owner: Lee Smith, Deidre Dunphy

In Favor: none

Opposed: none

Motion: Mr. White moved to approve the application with the following conditions:

- the single doorway framing on the northern wall of the porch remain as is;
- an option to change the solid door to a glass door;
- the transom to remain;

- the new double french doors into the kitchen reflect the design of the single door;
- the northern end of the porch with the retained window as proposed ; and
- applicant work with staff

Mr. VanLinden seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. 340 Milledge Circle

COA-2022-11-04175

Petitioner: David Matheny / AMT for Andrew Howard

Request: Rear Addition and Dormers

Information: 124B4 D006, Milledge Circle, RS-15

Ms. Eskew presented the staff report with a recommendation to approve the application with conditions. This application was tabled at the December, 2022 meeting. A concept review was heard at the February, 2023 meeting.

Agent / Owner: David Matheny

In Favor: Scott Reed

Opposed: none

Motion: Mr. VanLinden moved to approve the application with the conditions recommended by staff with the exception of condition one regarding the window opening at the rear gable. Ms. Epting seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 210 Milledge Circle

COA-2023-02-0281

Petitioner: Eric NeSmith

Request: New Accessory Structure

Information: 124B4 C011, Milledge Circle, RS-15

Ms. Eskew presented the staff report with a recommendation to approve the application with conditions.

Agent / Owner: Eric NeSmith

In Favor: none

Opposed: none

Motion: Ms. Roper moved to approve the application with the conditions suggested by staff and excluding the garage being shifted west seven feet. Ms. Walker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. 285 Milledge Circle

COA-2023-02-0289

Petitioner: Joseph Smith / Arcollab for Jill Wright and Eric Gordon

Request: Demolition and New Construction

Information: 173A3 E012A, Milledge Circle, RS-15

Ms. Eskew presented the staff report with a recommendation to approve the application with conditions.

Agent / Owner: Joseph Smith, Roger Thomas

In Favor: none

Opposed: Scott Reed

Motion: Ms. Epting moved to approve the application with the conditions recommended by staff. Mr. White seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. 153 New Avenue

COA-2023-02-0303

Petitioner: Suzanne Lester

Request: Rear Fencing

Information: 114D1 F002, Boulevard, RS-8

Ms. Eskew presented the staff report with a recommendation to approve the application as submitted.

Agent / Owner: Suzanne Lester

In Favor: none

Opposed: none

Motion: Ms. Walker moved to approve the application as submitted. Ms. Epting seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CONCEPTUAL PRELIMINARY DESIGN REVIEW: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Strategic Plan Update

Members delivered annual reports to community. M&C received the annual report via email. The Strategic Plan is still in the Manager's Office. The next item in the Plan is a welcome letter. Developing frequently asked questions regarding obtaining a COA for the welcome letter. There was discussion about providing hard copies of the welcome packet in addition to the e-version as well as methods of distribution.

2. Designation Committee Report

With no new business to report, the Designation Committee did not meet this month.

3. Education Committee Report

The Education Committee met March 13th with Ms. Beckman, Ms. Fletcher, Mr. VanLinden, Ms. Walker and Ms. Eskew in attendance. Along with the Strategic Plan Update, the Committee discussed distribution of the 2022 Annual Report.

4. Miscellaneous Announcements:

The M&C has requested that Planning start work on development of new growth concept and future land use plan for ACC. Plans are in development. Mr. Lonnee discussed how the HPC would fit in to the project.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.