

**ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
May 17, 2023**

The Athens-Clarke County Historic Preservation Commission met and considered the following items at a public meeting on Wednesday, May 17, 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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Thomas White

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 April 19, 2023 agenda review: Motion to adopt the minutes of the April 19, 2023 agenda review passed unanimously.
4. Adoption of the minutes of the April 19, 2023 meeting: Motion to adopt the minutes of the April 19, 2023 meeting passed with 5 assents. Ms. Epting abstained as she was absent at the meeting.
5. Ex-Parte communications: Heather Fletcher briefly discussed 420 Boulevard being on the agenda with several inquiring neighbors.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 285 Milledge Circle COA-2023-04-0733

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

Request: Add Basement Light Well

Information: 173A3 E102A, Milledge Circle, RS-15

Ms. Eskew presented the staff report with a recommendation to approve the application as submitted. This project was brought before the HPC in March, 2023. The applicant is requesting a modification to the previously approved construction plans to allow for code compliance for egress.

Agent / Owner: Joe Smith

In Favor: none

Opposed: none

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 420 Boulevard

COA-2023-04-0762

Petitioner: Lori Bork Newcomer / Arcollab for James Chin and Audrey Haynes
Request: Rear Addition with partial demolition
Information: 114D2 B005, Boulevard, RS-15

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

Agent / Owner: James Chin, Lori Bork Newcomer

Ms. Newcomer distributed a handout of photos of elements of the requested demolition and replacement. The HPC agreed to accept the handout and enter it into the official record as Exhibit A.

In Favor: John Jefferson, Carol Holmes, Barth Jackson

Opposed: none

Motion: Ms. Beckman moved to approve the application as submitted excluding the garage demolition and the garden wall. Ms. Roper seconded. Ms. Walker introduced a friendly amendment to include the addition of the corner board demarcation of the new addition. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

2. 1155 S. Milledge Avenue

COA-2023-04-0763

Petitioner: E+E Architecture for The BTR Group / Fiske Hopkins
Request: Rear Addition
Information: 173A3 C002, Milledge Avenue, C-O

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

Agent / Owner: Katrina Evans

In Favor: none

Opposed: none

Motion: Mr. VanLinden moved to approve the application as submitted with the following conditions:

- the site plan be updated and submitted to staff to reflect the removal of the shed;
- denote the proposed material for the walkway;
- move the rear entry door to the north side of the enclosed porch rather than at the historic brick on the rear elevation.

Ms. Roper seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CONCEPTUAL PRELIMINARY DESIGN REVIEW: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Strategic Plan Update

The Education Committee discussed the desire for a Commission member to serve as liaison with Historic Athens to collaborate and to communicate with the HPC. Ms. Roper volunteered to serve as liaison. Mr. Lonnee suggested that the HPC meet with Tommy Valentine of Historic Athens and share our work to this point and suggest a liaison between HPC and Historic Athens.

Ms. Eskew will soon meet with Commissioner Wright to discuss the historic designation process and how districts work after designation. With Commission district boundaries recently redrawn she now has a number of historic neighborhoods in her district.

2. Designation Committee Report

The Designation Committee did not meet this month. However, on May 17th, Ms. Eskew, Ms. Epting, and Ms. Roper met at a location on Bowles Drive to view an African American agricultural community. The descendants still live on this property and are interested in a possible landmark designation. Also, the Committee will soon look at the Mack-Burney House Landmark designation study list proposal.

3. Education Committee Report

The Committee met May 15th with Ms. Fletcher, Mr. VanLinden, Ms. Walker, and Ms. Eskew attending. They discussed the liaison with Historic Athens, as well as edits to items in the new welcome packet. They also discussed student research on conservation districts and are awaiting the final report.

4. Miscellaneous Announcements: none

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.