

**ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 20, 2023**

The Athens-Clarke County Historic Preservation Commission met and considered the following items at a public meeting on Wednesday, September 20, 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 Van Linden, Ellen Walker, Thomas White

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

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

**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 August 16, 2023 agenda review: Motion to adopt the minutes of the August 16, 2023 agenda review passed unanimously.
4. Adoption of the minutes of the August 16, 2023 meeting: Motion to adopt the minutes of the August 16, 2023 meeting passed unanimously.
5. Ex-Parte communications: Ms. Epting talked with the Neighbor for 815 North Chase Street (2023-08-1687) but the conversation will not influence her consideration on this application.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. 493 Satula Avenue**

**COA-2023-08-1678**

Petitioner: Dorian Zevos

Request: Window Awnings

Information: 114C2 G003A, Buena Vista, RS-8

Ms. Eskew presented the staff report with a recommendation to approve the application as submitted. The application for a new dwelling and detached garage was heard at the January, 2022 meeting. Ms. Fletcher (Chair) recused herself as she is co-owner of this property. Vice-Chair VanLinden assumed the Chair duties.

**Agent / Owner:** Dorian Zevos

**In Favor:** none

**Opposed:** none

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. 815 North Chase Street** **COA-2023-08-1687**

Petitioner: Gabe Comstock / Arcollab for Bruno & Lourdes Rubio

Request: Canopy Addition and Related Modifications

Information: 114D1 A024, Boulevard, C-N

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

**Agent / Owner:** Gabe Comstock

**In Favor:** Travis Burch, Jeff Cass, Melanie Epting, Jan Neubauer

**Opposed:** none

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

- a revised sign design is needed that includes all materials denoted and complies with the government sign code;
- the airplane not be included in this approval; and
- the canopy area be approved as submitted.

Ms. Roper seconded. After discussion the motion passed 4 (Epting, Fletcher, Roper, VanLinden) – 3 (Beckman, Walker, White) and the motion passed.

**CONCEPTUAL PRELIMINARY DESIGN REVIEW:** None

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- **Strategic Plan Update:**  
Ms. Eskew noted that there is not much to update since the last meeting.  
Ms. Walker discussed the status of the redesign of the guidelines.
- **Designation Committee Report**  
Did not meet this month.
- **Education Committee Report**  
Did not meet this month. Still working on the articles on the annual report that will be distributed in January, 2024.
- **Miscellaneous Announcements:**
  - a. Ms. Walker explained how attending the recent appeal hearing has caused her to want to put together a presentation for the Mayor & Commission on the HPC.

- b. Ms. Epting noted she had attended the NAPC Summer Short Course and asked if a follow up discussion together after this training and future trainings is possible.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6.38 p.m.