

**THOMASVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
OFFICIAL MINUTES
January 13, 2009**

The Thomasville Historic Preservation Commission met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Municipal Building Council Chambers. Commissioners present were John Bennett (Chair), Pat Glenn, Bill Inman, and Rev. Nancy Mills. Also attending was Kha McDonald Sr. Assist. City Manager, Brent Runyon Consultant to the Commission, Ed Aquino Chief Building Official and Duane Treadon Planning & Zoning Administrator. Citizens who were present are listed on the meeting sign in sheet.

I. **Call to Order**

John Bennett called the meeting to order.

II. **Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Glenn moved that the December 09, 2008 minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Rev. Mills and passed unanimously on voice vote.

III. **Election of 2009 Officers**

Mr. Bennett conducted the election of 2009 officers. Gina Shumake was the only nomination for Chairperson and Pat Glenn was the only nomination for vice chairperson. As there were no other nominations a vote in the affirmative to elect Gina Shumake as Chairperson and Pat Glenn as Vice Chairperson for 2009 was made.

III. **Old Business**

HPC-08-12-01- Peggy & Bob Gravitz, 429 N Crawford St. for the installation of a skylight on left side elevation. (Stanley Smith, Steve Ruis owner's agent)

Vice Chair Glenn read the application and advised that it had been held over from the last meeting due to lack of information. Mrs. Glenn asked Stanly Smith, owner's agent, to make a presentation. Mr. Smith presented the Commission with photos showing that the placement of the skylight would be obscure and only visible from neighboring properties. Mr. Smith also presented diagrams of the skylight showing its low profile. In evaluating the location for the skylight it was determined that there was only an approximate 4 foot by 6 foot area suitable in the proposed media room. Mr. Smith pointed out that as a media room a skylight is not need since its main function was to offer egress incase of a fire but that the owners wanted to have a means of escape from the room.

After discussion Mr. Inman motioned to approve the skylight as presented. After a second by Rev. Mills the motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

IV. **New Business**

V. **Add On Item**

714 N Dawson St. – Rebuilding of destroyed garage

Mr. Treadon presented to the Commission plans to rebuild a garage at 714 N Dawson St. that was totally destroyed by a falling tree. Mr. Treadon informed the Commission that staff wanted clarification on its interpretation of the code. After review of Sec. 9-96, 9-97, and 9-98 Mr. Treadon explained that it was staff's interpretation that this matter did not have to come before HPC for review. This was based on the fact that the code only called for a Certificate of Appropriateness for material or design changes to existing and new structures. The following elements lead to staff's interpretation that there would be no material or design change from the original:

- The original plan from 1987 when the garage was first built were to be used,
- No deviation in material or design (size, shape, configuration) from those plans were to be made,
- The original slab was to be used and,
- The resulting garage while new would be an exact replica of the previous garage.

After discussion by the Commission Mr. Inman made a motion supporting Staff's interpretation of the code as to not requiring a review by the commission for this project. This based on the following circumstances particular to this project:

- **Original plans of the destroyed structure were being used (not facsimiles or renderings),**
- **There will be no exterior material change from the original structure,**
- **There will be no exterior design change in size, shade, or configuration from the original structure and,**
- **The structure will be using the existing slab to be built on.**

The motion was seconded by Rev. Mills and passed unanimously on voice vote.

Red Door Deli Update

Mr. Bennett gave an update and reviewed the process thus far on the window issue with the Red Door Deli.

After discussion the following points were agreed:

- **Mr. Woodward must address the windows,**
- **The Commission would offer what ever assistance it can in helping Mr. Woodward address the windows,**

- The commission would encourage any other entity to assist Mr. Woodward as appropriate i.e. Main Street, Landmarks, Planning Dept. and
- The Commission asks the City to review the temporary Certificate of Occupancy for the Red Door Deli and determine if its continuance is still appropriate.

Remarks

As this would be Mr. Bennett's last meeting he thanked the Commission for supporting him and advised he has enjoyed serving on the Commission and recognized the important work the Commission does for the community.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission