

COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

June 27, 2019

Members Present

Sean Davis
Robert Weir
Robin Crews
Susan Stilwell

Members Absent

Jeffrey Bond
Michael Nicholas
Robert Stowe

Staff

Ken Gillie
Lisa Jones
Holley Preston

ITEMS FOR PUBLIC HEARING

1. *Request a Certificate of Appropriateness at 125 Sutherlin Avenue to install a street mail box.*

Mrs. Crews opened the Public Hearing.

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Mr. Weir stated we turned it down at Holbrook up from Green Street. It would be the only one at the Old West End. I just don't see the need for one and it would start a bad trend.

Mrs. Stilwell made a motion that we deny the request to allow the property owner to leave the mail box that was installed at 125 Sutherlin Avenue that it does not meet the guidelines as submitted. Mr. Weir seconded the motion. The motion was denied by a 4-0-vote.

2. *Request a Certificate of Appropriateness at 937 Main Street to remove a window on the left side of the church and install an entry door with sidewalk to the rear parking lot.*

Mrs. Crews opened the Public Hearing.

Present to speak on behalf of this request was Mr. Bob Newnam, for First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Newnam stated the reason that this transpired is the First Presbyterian Church has been having AAA Meetings and they have been meeting there for about ten years. They had a small room to start with at first that was kind of in the back yard and it went downstairs, and as it has expanded the moved into the gymnasium. Over the years, they have had more and more people that are handicapped and so we have looked at doing two different things. One, I got donated one of those chair lift things that you ride down on but by the time you get down where the gymnasium is, you have to

make two different turns and put two different pieces on there and it takes up part of the stairway and that didn't really work. Then we thought about putting in an elevator for them and that was very expensive. So, then the church board along with AAA's board got together and decided to give them a bigger class room and that is how they picked this class room that is up there on grade level, which everybody would be able to use. Of, all of those windows they all have a heat and air condition unit except for the one that we are going in and it is a bigger classroom. What we are proposing for the Church to do is to take that window out and go back with a similar door the kind of door that is on the opposite side on Southern. I have a couple of drawings that I want you to see. The opening there is about 50 inches wide as you can see on that drawing. I left a couple of different scenarios of doors that we thought might would go in there. That two panel door meets more what is already over there on the other side and the front. We are talking about putting in a 7 foot door with a glass transit up above what is in the rest of the Church around there. The Church doesn't really care what the door looks like per say, it has to be painted and matched to look like wood.

Mrs. Crews stated from the left is that the second picture?

Mr. Newnam stated yes. It is a fiberglass door with a wood frame on it. Then we are going to put a sidewalk from that door right to the rear where the park in the rear parking back there.

Mrs. Stilwell stated you are going to leave a glass transom above the door?

Mr. Newnam stated yes that is what I drew in there.

Mr. Weir stated what about the glass on the side. Don't you think that would be a security issue?

Mr. Newnam stated it may be and we would be happy to seal it up. Why don't I change it and we will make it all wood right there.

Mr. Weir stated is it possible if you are having this made to put the panel on the bottom?

Mr. Newnam this is a standard not custom made door. The only thing that I can think about is to buy a flush door, and then let us put that molding around and do it to match.

Mrs. Preston stated I have a question for the applicant did I hear you mention a light for the outside. You might want to ask Commission now for permission to add a light.

Mr. Newnam stated I did not but we should cover that because the building code is going to require us to have an outside light.

Mrs. Crews stated would the light match the other lights around the Church.

Mr. Newnam we would match it as close as we can.

Mr. Davis stated what kind of lights are they.

Mr. Newnam stated like you use at the back door of a house.

Mrs. Crews closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Davis stated since this is a business wouldn't they need steel exterior doors for fire isn't that part of the code?

Mr. Gillie stated its institutional use not a business use that is not a requirement.

Mrs. Stilwell made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness be issued and allow the Church to install a fiber glass entry door solid with no entry glass, with a side walk to the rear parking lot, with a light fixture that is required by the building code as it meets the guidelines as submitted. Mr. Weir seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-0-.

3. *Request a Certificate of Appropriateness at 855 Pine Street to remove an awning from the front porch in preparation for rehabilitation work on the exterior of the structure. The awning will not be reinstalled.*

Mr. Weir stated looking at this picture I don't have much concern because they have a lot of work to do. I would hate to be a hindrance to that.

Mrs. Crews made a motion to approve the request that it meets the guidelines as submitted. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0-.

4. *Request a Certificate of Appropriateness at 854 Main Street to install a heat pump.*

Mr. Nicholas opened the Public Hearing

Present to speak on behalf of this request was Mr. Carl Miller, for Roxboro Heating & Air. Mr. Miller stated there are two other units there now the unit that I put in is actually behind it.

Mr. Weir stated this is after the fact?

Mr. Miller stated because the customer had no air condition at all on the second floor. I did look for alternative spots but I couldn't find any.

Mr. Patrick Marklew stated my daughter bought the house about a month ago. It was hot as heck, and I called Carl up. I didn't even think about this right here because what we had was leaking unit and it was not putting out. I called him up and said do it and it was on me.

Mrs. Crews closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Weir made a motion to approve the request and issue a Certificate of Appropriateness at 854 Main Street. Mrs. Stilwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-0 vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Weir made a motion to approve the May 23, 2019, minutes. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Approved