

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Monday, March 16, 2020
Special Call Meeting Minutes**

Members Present:

Alan Mesecher.....Chairman
Suzanne Perry Vice Chairman
Ben Meadows. Member
Robin Craig-Hunt.....Member

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Kelvin Knauf, Director of Planning & Community Development
Wendy Lloyd, Planning Secretary

City Council Members Present:

None

Chairman Mesecher called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

REGULAR BUSINESS - APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Mesecher asked for a motion to approve the February 11, 2020 meeting minutes

Member Meadows motioned

Vice Chair Perry 2nd

Vote: 4 - 0

Motion Carries

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consider an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness from Beverly Robinson for a carport at 910 10th Street**

Mr. Knauf stated if you remember at the last meeting, we discussed the COA that Ms. Robinson had filed for a storage building and carport. You approved the storage building and then on the carport, you directed that it have more of a gable roof. Ms. Robinson if you'd just go up and go up to the TV if you want to and just explain what you had in mind and then we will go from there.

Beverly Robinson – 910 10th Street, Orange, TX: Ms. Robinson stated I have a little space

between and this little partition. I don't have the measurements but I'm sure it's over six, seven feet or so and I was wondering if I could put the gable on something extended from that particular area instead of disturbing the carport. The gable would be coming from the addition I will put in the front so that it has the appearance of the gable.

Member Meadows stated so you are going to build a storage building. Ms. Robinson stated no not a storage building. I have like my barbeque pit and all that in that area so it would just be a place for the barbeque pit to sit up under, so just more of a gable style and kind of fill in the top part.

Member Craig-Hunt stated so is it connected to the carport. Ms. Robinson stated it would be right in front of the carport. Member Craig-Hunt stated but not connected. Ms. Robinson stated it won't be connected per say.

Member Meadows stated so a sort of awning. Ms. Robinson stated an extension out from it, not really an awning. It would be in the approximate area, the gable, so you will see it from here. Member Meadows stated it would basically hide the carport. Ms. Robinson stated it won't hide the carport, no. It's just going to give it the gable that you are looking for in that little space there. Member Meadows stated is it going to have a roof. Ms. Robinson stated yes.

Mr. Knauf stated but your question is, if you see it from the street, is it going to hide the carport. I mean with the extension. Member Meadows stated will it appear to have a gable. Ms. Robinson stated that is what I am saying yes.

Member Craig-Hunt stated can I just say one thing, I'm having a little problem here with where people are coming to us. We don't have a sketch of what it is actually going to be. Ms. Robinson stated I didn't know I was supposed to bring one. Member Craig-Hunt stated well you are proposing for us to approve something and we want to if it works out but so when you are saying gable, how tall is the gable. Can I go up there? Mr. Knauf stated yes. Member Craig-Hunt stated so because it's a gable, if that line doesn't match up then it is going to look obscure. So, we need to know, does everybody agree with that. Chairman Mesecher stated yes. Member Craig-Hunt stated it's not going to look like it's really part of it or how you are trying to camouflage it which is a great idea. But I would say it has to go, that line needs to be parallel before your gable goes up. Anywhere lower than this, it will be obscure, and it won't do what is to the code as if it was theoretically part of the carport. Does that make sense? Ms. Robinson stated yes, I understand what you are saying. The gable roof I am thing about filling in, so you won't necessarily see and it looks like it is part of that and still fill in that spot. Member Craig-Hunt stated so if it doesn't go up, it's just going to look like there is like a storage building stuck in front.

Member Meadows stated are you going to have this built by a contractor. Ms. Robinson stated the same person who did the carport and then I'll get it all painted after. Member Meadows stated can you get them to get a drawing over. Ms. Robinson stated yes, he is a fireman in town who is going to put that up for me. It will be well built, and I didn't want it to be my drive into the front. I wanted to go around. My back door is here and that is what I wanted. Member Meadows stated yes if he could do an as built drawing and just submit it to Kelvin. I don't have an issue with it. Chairman Mesecher says it's a good idea. Member Craig-Hunt stated I think

it's a great idea as long as it's executed in a manner. Ms. Robinson stated oh yeah. I want it to be beautiful and not look like it's just thrown up. That is not what my plan is for my home so whatever I do, it's going to be something of worth. Mr. Knauf stated but to have the gable roof above that roof line is really what you are saying Robin. Member Craig-Hunt stated yes because if you don't, then it will look obscure. You have a better chance of it looking cohesive. Mr. Knauf stated but yes, if they can submit that to me before they build it and then we will make sure it all looks ok. Ms. Robinson stated I will have him bring it in. Mr. Knauf stated I think you have to have a permit anyway.

Chairman Mesecher stated and give the dimensions also. Will it go from post to post and pitch of the roof? Ms. Robinson stated that was my plan to go post to post. Member Craig-Hunt stated where the lattice is. Ms. Robinson stated yes and I'm even thinking of extending the lattice even further down to finish that and of course I'll bring that back to you. Mr. Knauf stated you have to have a building permit anyway and we will need some plans before you get the permit. We will look at that and if looks like it meets your intent then we will go ahead and approve it and if not then we will bring it back. Ms. Robinson stated I just wanted to make sure I was covering the gable part and the roof that you are looking for and make sure it kind of matches what is on the house. Member Craig-Hunt stated it doesn't have to be the same. I think it is just the point of starting the pitch is what's important. Ms. Robinson stated I will let him look at it to see but I know it can't be a deep pitch. It has to be kind of a low pitch for it to be ok.

Chairman Mesecher asked for motion approve with her drawings

Member Meadows motioned to approve

Vice Chair Perry 2nd

Vote: 4 – 0

Motion Carries

b. Consider an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness from Parker Strong to replace the support columns on a house at 1412 W. John Avenue

Chairman Mesecher stated you replaced five pillars damaged from Hurricane Harvey. These are square and they were round before.

Parker Strong – 1412 W. John, Orange, TX: Mr. Strong stated they were the round that is on the ground. I didn't know anything about the Certificate of Appropriateness stuff before we replaced them. I found out because I did the application for Texas Homes Owner reimbursement program and they asked for this. I didn't know I needed one of these, so it was already done.

Member Meadows stated did you just buy the house. Mr. Strong stated no, it was 2014. So, I replaced the round ones. That was the only solid one left out of the five and replaced with the square decorative ones. Member Meadows stated those posts are all over the place. Mr. Knauf stated yes, we have those elsewhere in the Historic District. Member Meadows stated however, the long part usually goes at the bottom but that's ok.

Chairman Mesecher asked for motion

Member Meadows motioned to approve

Vice Chair Perry 2nd

Vote: 4 – 0

Motion Carries

Member Meadows motioned to adjourn

Vice Chair Perry 2nd

Chairman Mesecher adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.