

Louisburg Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting minutes: 5/17/2022

The Louisburg HPC met at the Operations Training Center Conference Room on the evening of April 19, 2022 at 7:00 PM. Members present were: Ms. Haven Cooper Allen, Ms. Elizabeth Hathcock, Ms. Terri Elliott, Mrs. Susan Ranes and Holt Kornegay. Mr. Joe Pearce and Ms. Zelma Williams were absent. Staff present was Philip Slayter.

Also Testifying: Mr. Jose Maldonado and Mr. Edwin Rodriquez

Minutes Approval

Ms. Allen moved to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2022 meeting, seconded by Ms. Elliott. Motion passed without objection or amendment.

Business Items

The Chair asked all those who plan to give testimony please rise and be sworn in. The oath was administered and everyone was seated.

COA 5/22-1

Request: Consideration of COA for Jose Maldonado to replace exterior windows, replace the front porch metal supports, demolish a rear addition and painting the brickwork located at 409 North Elm Street.

Mr. Slayter presented this item, entering into the record the application, staff report, and supporting documentation (*Staff Report on file*). Mr. Slayter explained the request. He concluded by stating that as staff he supported 1) replacement of the wood windows on the side and rear excluding the 8/8 windows, 2) keeping the metal supports but allow replacement of the metal railings, 3) demolition of the small rear addition as it was clearly added on much later and 4) keeping the brick in its current condition – unpainted. The Chair then recognized Mr. Maldonado.

He spoke to several points that Mr. Slayter made. He stated that all the windows were lacking a proper seal and wanted to replace the side and rear with vinyl and that the front windows were in a serious state of disrepair for which he also wanted those to be changed to vinyl. He then moved on to the request regarding painting the brick. He explained that the color scheme he planned on for the house was not complimentary with the color of the brick and wanted to paint it grey. He stated that there were numerous examples of painted brick and felt that it should be permitted. Mr. Kornegay asked when was the brick added, later stating he thought 1960. Mr. Maldonado replied he did not know.

The Chair, Ms. Hathcock, stated she did not support changing the windows, painting the brick or removing the metal grates but was in support of removing the storage addition as it was not original to the house.

Mr. Kornegay asked the applicant if the steps and chimney would be painted the same color as the brick? Mr. Maldonado said yes. Ms. Hathcock asked if the fireplace worked? Mr. Maldonado said no. Mr. Maldonado showed the members a picture of the color grey he was going to paint the brick if allowed. No other witnesses testified.

Motions were made per individual request as follows:

1) *Keep the metal supports but allow changes to the railings provided they remained metal.* A motion was made by Ms. Ranes with a second by Mr. Kornegay. Motion passed without objection.

2) *Demolish the rear storage addition.* A motion was made by Mr. Kornegay with a second by Ms. Elliott. Motion passed without objection.

3) *Paint the exterior brick grey.* A motion by Ms. Ranes with a second by Ms. Elliott. Motion passed without objection.

4) *Substitute vinyl windows for wooden widows.* A motion was made to leave the windows as is and not permit a substitution by Susan Ranes with a second by Ms. Elliott. Motion passed without objection.

COA 5/22-2

Request: Consideration of a COA for Edwin Rodriguez to offset the location of the front door and place a brick façade on the exterior foundation wall.

Mr. Slayter presented this item, entering into the record the application, staff report, and supporting documentation (*Staff Report on file*). Mr. Slayter reiterated the request highlighting the interior barrier presented by a chase in the corner of the front foyer limiting the swing opening of the front door. He followed up that point with the second element of the application regarding the placement of a brick façade along the foundation wall.

After some discussion, the Commission felt the need to make a site visit to see the full impact of the request and tabled this portion of the applicant's request until May 24th (Note: The on-site visit was delay until June 14th). A motion was made by Ms. Ranes with a second by Ms. Allen. Motion passed without objection.

Regarding the brick façade, the Commission readily agreed with a motion by Mr. Kornegay and a second by Ms. Elliott. Motion passed without objection.

Minor Works

None were listed for approval

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Ranes with a second by Ms. Allen. All affirmed and the meeting ended.