

CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE
Historic Architectural Review Board Regular Meeting
June 17, 2010

The Historic Architectural Review Board met in formal session at 2:00 P.M., Thursday, June 17, 2010, in the Alcazar Room at City Hall, St. Augustine, Florida. Fred Halback, Chairman, called the meeting to order, and the following were present:

1. ROLL CALL:
Fred Halback, Chairman
Len Weeks, Vice-Chairperson
Leslie Thomas
Paul Weaver, III
Ken Smith

City Staff:
David Birchim, Planning Manager
Melissa Dezendorf, Special Projects Manager
Ron Brown, City Attorney
Carly Mason, Recording Secretary

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
May 20, 2010 Regular Meeting

Mr. Weaver asked that the motion for 95 Cordova include tabling of the paint trim until the June 17, 2010 meeting.

The minutes of the May 20, 2010 Regular HARB meeting were approved as amended.

3. Certificate of Appropriateness

Item 3 (a) F2010-0042

W. Justin Reid, Casa Monica Hotel –
Owner/Applicant
95 Cordova Street¹
(Previously Tabled)

To paint trim on the building.

Ms. Dezendorf said the applicant requested that the item be tabled until July 15, 2010.

Mr. Weeks MOVED to TABLE Certificate of Appropriateness application F2010-0042 until the July 15, 2010 meeting. Motion SECONDED by Mr. Weaver.

¹ Staff report attached to original minutes

VOTE ON MOTION:

AYES: Weeks, Weaver, Thomas, Smith, Halback

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Certificates of Demolition

4. (a) F2010-0048 Chad K. Smith –
Applicant/Owner
Newcastle Homes, LLC
6 Ocean Way²

To demolish a structure (circa 1938).

Ms. Dezendorf said based on the review of information submitted by the applicant and City Building Official, the AGHP, applicable City ordinances, and without the support of evidence to the contrary, staff found that the board may APPROVE the Certificate of Demolition application for the building located at 6 Ocean Way.

Chad Smith, applicant, said he had submitted a letter from the building inspector and photographs as a request for demolition. He noted that demolishing the structure would be most cost efficient.

² Staff report attached to original minutes

Mr. Weaver questioned when the building had been relocated to the property.

Mr. Smith replied that he was unsure of an exact date; however, updated bricks were used at the site.

Public hearing opened; however, there was no response.

Mr. Halback said ten certified notices were mailed and one was returned in favor with comments.

MOTION

Mr. Weaver MOVED to APPROVE Certificate of Demolition application F2010-0048 as submitted. Motion SECONDED by Mr. Weeks.

VOTE ON MOTION:

AYES: Weaver, Weeks, Smith, Thomas, Halback

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. (b) F2010-0049 Kevin Leonardi – Applicant/Owner Leonardi’s Nursery, Inc. 200 Dancy Street³

To demolish a structure (circa 1946).

Mr. Birchim said based on the review of information submitted by the applicant, the AGHP, applicable City ordinances, and without the support of evidence to the contrary, staff found that the board could APPROVE the Certificate of Demolition application for the building located at 200 Dancy Street with the following recommended conditions:

- **The building shall be documented for archival purposes prior to demolition. The recording should include, but shall not be limited to, listing in the Florida Master Site File, photographs and measured drawings.**

³ Staff report attached to original minutes

Kevin Leonardi, applicant/owner, said the home had considerable structural damage and the demolition would provide parking.

Mr. Thomas asked if the building had been used in conjunction with the business, and the response was no.

Public hearing opened.

Joe Pierotti questioned the following:

- Demolished lot would be used strictly for parking
- Expanded parking along Dancy Street
- Future plans to vacate Dancy Street

Mr. Leonardi replied that he had no plans to expand parking along Dancy Street, and the demolished property would be used for additional parking.

Ron Brown, City Attorney, said the City Commission made final decisions regarding street vacations. He said the adjacent property would have to agree to a street vacation.

Mr. Halback asked if Mr. Leonardi owned the surrounding properties along Dancy Street, and the response was affirmative.

Public hearing closed.

MOTION

Mr. Weaver MOVED to APPROVE Certificate of Demolition application F2010-0049 as submitted. Motion SECONDED by Mr. Weeks.

VOTE ON MOTION:

AYES: Weaver, Weeks, Thomas, Smith, Halback

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Planning and Building Director’s Report

(None)

6. Other Business

Nomination of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson:

MOTION

Mr. Weaver MOVED to NOMINATE Fred Halback as Chairperson. Motion SECONDED by Mr. Weeks.

**VOTE ON MOTION:
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MOTION

Mr. Weaver MOVED to NOMINATE Len Weeks as Vice-Chairperson. Motion SECONDED by Mr. Smith.

**VOTE ON MOTION:
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Fullerwood Neighborhood National Register District Nomination

Ms. Dezendorf said she completed the Fullerwood project and submitted the information to Tallahassee, which would be reviewed by the state on July 12, 2010.

Signage material in historic districts

Mr. Birchim said the chief Code Enforcement officer notified him of downtown businesses using signage material that did not contain wood. He said the product was a polymer material that contained a wood element, and up to a third of the signs were made with the material. He said the building official would like HARB's opinion regarding the use of the material. He noted that replacing them could be difficult. He said the material could be expanded to a 3/4 inch and when painted they would appear to be wood material.

Mr. Brown questioned whether the applications indicated that wood signs were required.

Mr. Birchim replied that all applications going forward specified the type of material

to be used. He said previous applications had only indicated the type of sign not the material.

Mr. Weeks said he used a sandblasted wood for signs. He said the sample product would be more durable over time, and he suggested the product be made in 3/4 inch.

Mr. Halback asked that staff research the products material and check size availability.

Mr. Weaver said the product would not weather the same as wood.

Mr. Thomas asked if the guidelines noted the type of wood material to be used, and the response was no.

Mr. Brown asked if the board was concerned about the texture and character of the product, and the response was affirmative.

Mr. Birchim said he would provide additional material information at the July 15, 2010 meeting.

7. Review of Conflict of Statements from Previous Meetings

(None)

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:41 P.M.⁴

Fred Halback, Chairperson

⁴ Transcribed by Carly Mason