

The Smithfield Board of Historic and Architectural Review held its regular meeting on August 20th, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Members present were Mr. Roger Ealy, Chairman, Mr. Cecil Gwaltney, Ms. Julie Hillegass, Mr. Trey Gwaltney, Mr. Ronny Prevatte, and Ms. Nancy Fortier. Mr. Russell Parrish was absent. The staff members present were Mr. William G. Saunders IV, Planner/GIS Coordinator and Mr. William H. Riddick III, Town Attorney. There was one (1) citizen present.

Chairman Ealy – I would like to call this meeting of the Board of Historical and Architectural Review to order. The first item on the agenda is the Town Planner's Report.

Planner/GIS Coordinator – Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have one item 107 North Mason Street replaced a fence with the same or similar colors and materials.

Chairman Ealy- Next we have Upcoming Meetings and Activities. We do not have any Public Comments. Next is Board Member Comments. Are there any Board member comments? Next is a Proposed Exterior Renovation – 217 North Church Street – Non-Contributing – Paul Mumford, applicants. Is there anyone to speak on behalf? Please state your name for the record.

Mr. O'Connor – My name is Jason O'Connor with O'Connor's Handyman Inc. The owner has just inquired about 217 North Church Street. They would like to update the house to sell it. We found out that it was in the Historic District. We put together a package about a month ago. They would like to paint the outside, replace windows, roof, and deck on the side, and some interior renovations as well.

Chairman Ealy – This is a non-contributing structure normally we would not permit a composite bull nose material on the porch floor. If it is landmark we would accept composite but it would have to be tongue and groove.

Mr. O'Connor – We do not have a problem if you all would like us to use tongue and groove on there. We were making the other suggestion but if you want us to go back to the light material then I do not have a problem with that.

Chairman Ealy – We would certainly prefer it.

Mr. O'Connor – That is not a problem.

Mr. Trey Gwaltney – It is all on the side porch?

Mr. O'Connor – Yes, it is on the left side porch.

Mr. Trey Gwaltney – The front is probably concrete.

Mr. O'Connor – It is concrete and is less than thirty inches. At the back of the house there is a small brick stoop where the brick is falling apart we would like to put regular decking there. Just something small to go over the back steps that are messed up or we can put new brick on there if you prefer that. We just want to get it looking good.

Mr. Trey Gwaltney – What is the current siding on the house?

Mr. O'Connor – It has aluminum siding. It is eight inch straight lap aluminum siding. The owner wanted to go with vinyl but they kind of turned us away from that. We will pressure wash and paint what is there. We picked a Historical Society color which seemed to be a similar color to what is in the neighborhood.

Mr. Cecil Gwaltney – Do you plan to leave the shutters or replace them? Will you leave them the color that they are?

Mr. O'Connor – The shutters look like they are in good shape. We were just going to paint them with the red accent color.

Mr. Cecil Gwaltney – Are the windows going to have the individual dividers in them or the panes in between the glass?

Mr. O'Connor – The windows will have grills in between the glass. It is the same size windows but vinyl with grills in between the glass.

Chairman Ealy – Are there any other questions? Do we have a motion?

Vice Chair Fortier – I will make a motion to approve with the one change to have the tongue and groove porch floor.

Ms. Hillegass – Second.

Chairman Ealy – All those in favor signify by saying aye, opposed say nay.

On call for the vote, five members were present. Mr. Trey Gwaltney voted aye, Chairman Ealy voted aye, Vice Chair Fortier voted aye, Mr. Cecil Gwaltney voted aye, Ms. Hillegass voted aye, and Mr. Prevatte voted aye. There were no votes against the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Ealy – Next is Approval of the July 16th, 2013 Meeting Minutes.

Town Attorney – Mr. Chairman and members of the Board, I recommend approval of the minutes.

Ms. Hillegass – So moved.

Mr. Cecil Gwaltney – Second.

Chairman Ealy – All those in favor signify by saying aye, opposed say nay.

On call for the vote, five members were present. Mr. Trey Gwaltney voted aye, Chairman Ealy voted aye, Vice Chair Fortier voted aye, Mr. Cecil Gwaltney voted aye, Ms. Hillegass voted aye, and Mr. Prevatte voted aye. There were no votes against the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Ealy – Is there any other business? The meeting is adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Roger L. Ealy
Chairman

William G. Saunders, IV
Planner/GIS Coordinator