

Christina Davis, vice chair, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 12, 2016, in the Conference Room, Fourth Floor, City Hall. A roster of the members of the commission and the technical posts they fill are on file and available upon request. Also present were commission members L. Allen, C. Crumrine, S. Silas, S. Taylor, and M. Wertman. P. Nigh was present representing the Mayor and City Council. D. Calhoun, Secretary, was present on behalf of the Planning and Code Administration Department.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 28, 2016:**

- MOTION:** (Silas/Crumrine) Motion to approve (to adopt the minutes as submitted) with the correction that Dr. Reed was in attendance.
- DISCUSSION:** None.
- ACTION:** APPROVED (Unanimous)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

None.

**DESIGN REVIEW**

**1038-1040 Hamilton Boulevard – Karen Bengel/Garrett Pressick – Reconstruct Rear Porches, Case No. HDC 2016-12.**

Garrett Pressick, 3612 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, property owner, was present.

Staff Report: This is a “B” resource in the Oak Hill Local Historic District. Applicant is proposing to reconstruct the rear porches by demolishing the non-original infill walls to restore the original porch configuration. The finished surface on the newly exposed exterior wall will be stucco to match the house; pressure-treated lumber will be used for the railings (guardrail), posts, and decking. A new pressure-treated wall will be added on the south side (rear) to mount electric meters for the building. All wood will be painted or stained. Applicant has been working with the Chief Code Official and at this time it appears that exterior egress stairs will not be required.

Staff recommended approval. All new lumber must be painted or stained once the wood has seasoned. Tops and bottoms of the pickets must be covered to give the appearance of a traditional railing system. The porches are not visible from a public way.

Applicant/Commission Discussion: Mr. Pressick recently purchased the property and investigation revealed that the porches are in bad shape. Some of the original columns remain.

They decided to restore the porches as close as possible to what was there. The roof structure is the original framing and that will remain. Mr. Pressick pointed out that center portion of the porch floor will remain open—there is framing but no deck boards. This area is where the incoming electrical service will be located. Mr. Pressick asked if he could add two items that were mistakenly left out of the application: four interior doors will become exterior doors so they need to be replaced with exterior doors. The proposal is for Jeld Wen doors. Also two vinyl one-over-one windows need to be replaced on the second floor. They will match the existing windows.

There were no other questions by the commission.

**MOTION:** (Wertman/Silas) Ms. Chair, I have inspected the project plans and the property in question. If constructed in accordance with these plans with the amendment of replacing the doors and windows in accordance with what he showed us today (doors - Jeld Wen, Model CC-866; windows – United Window & Door 4800 Plus Series, one-over-one vinyl), the project will be compatible with the character of the residential district because it will restore it back to like neighboring properties and the materials will be in accordance with the design guidelines and the architectural detailing, and everything will be generally in harmony with the Architectural Design Guidelines for the Residential Preservation Design District, and the character of the adjoining properties. Therefore, I move that the HDC grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to the applicant for Case No. HDC 2016-12.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**ACTION:** APPROVED (Unanimous)

## **WORKSHOP**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Ms. Allen noticed that the roof at 910 Potomac Avenue appears to be deteriorating. It is a single-family house on the east side of the street. She wanted to make sure that the commission and staff was aware to keep them on the “radar” so the house does not deteriorate as a result.
- Councilmember Nigh had concerns about the deteriorating slate curbs along Oak Hill Avenue. The City’s street sweepers are damaging the curbs when they swing in close to the curbs. She wanted to know if the HDC had ever discussed historic curbs and what members’ thoughts were on whether historic curbs should be retained. There are also historic curbs near Shindle’s Drug Store on the point at Potomac and Oak Hill Avenues.

Those are almost even with the street because of years of paving the street. Commission members wanted to hear input from Mr. Bockmiller. Ms. Wertman observed that the old slate curbs are a unique to the City.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Preservation Awards will be given out by the Mayor and Council on Tuesday, May 17, at 4:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

It was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn (4:54 p.m.).

5/26/2016

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Approved



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Debra C. Calhoun – Secretary