

The Minutes of the City of Ocean Springs Historic Preservation Commission Thursday, August 10, 2023

1. Call Meeting to Order

A meeting of the City of Ocean Springs Historic Preservation Commission was called to order by Chairman Carlos Barbosa at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 10, 2023. Members present were Michael Burns, Karen Chewning, Owen White, Bonnie Munro and Charlene Roemer. Matthew Pavlov was absent. Also present were Deputy City Clerk Vicky Hupe, City Planner Wade Morgan, and Planning & Grants Administrator Carolyn Martin.

2. Old Business

None.

3. New Business

- a. 110 A Shearwater Drive / PID# 60130590.072 – Owen White – Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) request to install a 4 ft high H-Rail fence.

W. Morgan presented the application. Owen White recused himself from this item as he is the owner/applicant. A motion was made by C. Roemer seconded by M. Burns to recommend approval for the construction of a front yard fence at 110-A Shearwater Drive. The motion was unanimously carried.

- b. 317 Lovers Lane / PID# 61058001.000/61058003.000 – Dennis Cowart – COA request for a new 2 story residence.

W. Morgan presented the application. Questions and undetermined measurements related to the fence did not have sufficient information to make a recommendation. This was discussed to be removed from this request until more information is available. Emily Stewart - 319 Lovers Lane - spoke in opposition of the request. She is a family member and has concerns including 1) the proposed structure is closer to the bulkhead than previous structure by 20 feet and it will obstruct view, 2) the previous application to demolish the old structure noted that the new home would be Folk Victorian, 3) proposed orientation and width will impede view of water from the entry per the guidelines, and 4) location of the pool does not meet guidelines as it on the water side of the home - claiming that the rear is on the street side for water front properties. Also, the garage should not be attached per the guidelines. Leigh - neighbor on Lovers Lane had questions on the height of the building as well as potential drainage problems that may occur. It was clarified that any fill or land work would be an issue for the Building or Planning departments separately. It was clarified that the plans show a future pool but there are no details in this particular plan to review. W. Morgan clarified that the pool location meets the UDC standards for placement and is considered within the COA. A motion was made by M. Burns seconded by C. Roemer to table this request to receive documentation from Ms. Stewart to add to the minutes, as well as the details of the demolition approval for consideration.

- c. 303 Front Beach Dr / PID# 60137429.000 – Mike & Julia Illanne – COA request

to add covered sections of porch to match existing.

W. Morgan presented the application. A motion was made by C. Roemer seconded by M. Burns to recommend approval of the construction of additional roofing and supports at 303 Front Beach Drive. The motion was unanimously carried.

- d. 1007 Iberville Dr / PID# 60119172.000 – Marques Thomas – COA request for a new 6-unit hotel and swimming pool.

W. Morgan presented the application. Marques Thomas clarified information related to access and parking, as well as history of the prior structure. A motion was made by K. Chewning seconded by O. White to recommend approval of the new 6-unit hotel and swimming pool at 1007 Iberville Drive. The motion was unanimously carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. 06_15_2023_HPC_Minutes

A motion was made by C. Roemer seconded by K. Chewning to recommend approval of the minutes from June 15, 2023. The motion was unanimously carried.

5. Audience Request

None.

6. Administrative

W. Morgan reported that a cottage behind the Moon Pie Cottage at 706 Porter Avenue was demolished due to the unsafe condition from a previous fire. This approval was given based on the confirmation by the Building Official of the condition.

7. Adjourn

A motion was made by M. Burns seconded by C. Roemer to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.